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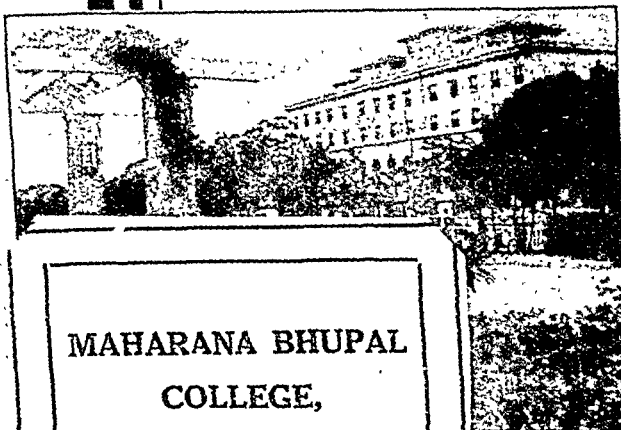
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## FOREWORD

First established in Japan in 1907, our Company have taken an active and consistent interest in the rapid growth of the country as one of the most attractive tourist centres of the world. The charming scenery, which varies from the miniature gardens famous in painting and poem to the grandeur of the Japanese Alps and the rushing torrents of mountain-guarded rivers, the fascination of a race which has a culture and tradition shared with no other people and the advantages of a mild yet bracing climate have drawn visitors from all over the world. The progressive spirit of the Japanese Government which has encouraged the building of foreign hotels in the chief resorts, improved year by year, an excellent system of railways which private enterprise has extended by the introduction of automobiles and electric railways, has been supported throughout by the service of our organisation.

After the earthquake of 1923 our office which had previously been in Yokohama was transferred to Kobe. In addition to the office in Kobe, Cook/Wagons - Lits have a Japanese Interpreter in Yokohama, who meets travellers on arrival, assists them with their baggage, arranges tours and excursions, supplying tickets and information concerning travel in Japan and abroad.

The continued success of the various editions of our booklet "Information for Travellers Visiting Japan" has led us to issue the present larger and more elaborate handbook. It is our hope that the information given will enable prospective travellers to obtain quickly a fair and accurate idea of the conditions of travel in this country. It is not intended however to be comprehensive and the information briefly given in the following pages will gladly be supplemented by any of our offices, a list of which is given on pages 102 and 103. Tours of any nature or length can be arranged there and visitors to Japan may be assured of the closest attention to their individual requirements from the representatives in Japan of our world-wide organisation.

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*Making Ceremonial Tea.*

## J A P A N

Area .....	24,631 Sq. Miles
Population (Japan Proper) .....	64,450,005
Capital City .....	Tokyo

JAPAN proper consists of five large islands and about four thousand small ones, stretching for two thousand miles, in a long uneven line along the coast of Asia. Mountain ranges traverse the islands and high peaks are found in all parts, Mt. Fuji being the most famous and beautiful of all. The rivers are generally narrow and very rapid being of little use for the purposes of navigation, but highly useful in generating water-power.

There are few plains in Japan, but those areas where they exist are extremely fertile and contribute much to the industry of the country.

Japan is noted for its beautiful scenery. Almost every part of the country possesses the most exceptional natural charm and beauty, but perhaps finest of all, is the Inland Sea, which is called the Paradise of the World. Most of the country lies in the Temperate Zone, and the climate is mild and pleasant.

According to tradition Japan was created by two deities, whose son, the Emperor Jimmu, subjugated the country, and ruled over it.

Intercourse between Japan and China dates back to very ancient times, and as a result of the spread of Confucianism, the Chinese Classics were brought into Japan hundreds of years ago, and have had a great influence on the literature and thought of the people.

The Feudal system of government lasted for nearly seven hundred years in Japan, during which time chivalry and bravery were highly cultivated among the warrior classes. With the breaking down of this system, Japan became a solidified kingdom.

Today the country is a constitutional monarchy ruled by the Emperor, who combines in himself the rights of sovereignty and exercises executive powers with the advice and assistance of his Privy Council and Cabinet. There is a House of Peers composed of members of the Imperial Family and others chosen by the Emperor among prominent statesmen, scholars and leaders of thought. Members of the House of Representatives are chosen by general election.

Since the Russo-Japanese War, Japan has taken her place as a great world power, and made the most amazing progress as a commercial nation, developing a large mercantile marine which carries her flag to all the ports of the world. The Japanese people have shown themselves most adaptable to Western business methods and have been quick to take advantage of new inventions and avail themselves of the important scientific discoveries.

Education is well cared for throughout the country, six years of schooling being compulsory for both sexes.

Among the religions of Japan, the cult of Shinto is most interesting, as it is indigenous to the country. Shintoism is a system of nature and ancestor worship, known as "The Way of the Gods." Buddhism is the most popular religion of Japan, having, it is estimated, nearly fifty million adherents.



# HOW TO REACH JAPAN

Luxurious ocean liners connect Japan directly with the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Australia, Africa and all parts of the Asiatic Continent. The Trans-Siberian Railway also affords quick transit from Europe.

All year Round Trip and Summer Excursion fares at considerably reduced rates are available on Trans-Pacific Steamship Lines, and exceptionally low Return Fares are quoted on the Suez Lines from Europe and India; also from Australia and from China, during the summer months and in some cases at other seasons. Round the World tickets including a visit to Japan are available from North and South America, South Africa and Europe.

Full particulars of fares by all routes to and from Japan will be furnished by any Cook's/Wagons-Lits office, where itineraries can be arranged to include inland travel in this attractive tourist land.

## SOME BOOKS ON JAPAN

*Things Japanese*, by Basil Hall Chamberlain.

*Japan*, A Short Cultural History, by G B Sansom

*An Outline of The History of The Japanese Drama*, by F. A. Lombard.

*The Noh Plays of Japan*, by Arthur Waley.  
*Some Aspects of Japan and Her Defence Forces*, by Capt M D Kennedy.

*Love and Foxes in Japan*, by Lilian Rawlings

*Glimpses of Unfamiliar Japan*, by Lafcadio Hearn.

*The Arts of Japan*, by Edward Dillon

*Tales of Old Japan*, by Lord Redesdale.

*Japan Under Taisho Tenno, 1912-1926*, by A. Morgan Young

*Japanese Poetry, The Uta*, by Arthur Waley  
*Murdoch's History of Japan*, in three volumes  
*Kelly & Walsh Handbook of the Japanese Language*.

*Netsuke*, by F M. Jonas

*An Official Guide to Japan*, published by the Japanese Government Railways.

*Japan-A Pictorial Representation* published by the *Asahi* newspaper makes an interesting souvenir of a visit to Japan

*Japan Today and Tomorrow* published by the *Osaka Mainichi* newspaper and *Present Day Japan* published by the *Asahi* are interesting annuals.

*The following translations of Japanese works can be recommended.*

*Genji Monogatari*, translated by Arthur Waley.

*Hizakurige*, translated by T. Satchell

*Tales Grotesque and Curious*, translated by Glen W. Shaw.

*The Priest and His Disciples*, translated by Glen W. Shaw.

*Kojiki*, translated by Basil Hall Chamberlain.

A new Tourist Library consisting of about 100 volumes is being prepared by the Board of Tourist Industry. At the time of going to press three volumes have been issued entitled: "Tea Ceremony," "Japanese Noh Plays" and "Japanese Cherry."

Guide Books and free travel literature are obtainable from Cook's Offices.

## CUSTOMS EXAMINATION

At the port of entry, while the customs examination of baggage is thorough it is not severe, the examining official being allowed considerable discretion. As a general rule, personal effects of travellers are exempt from duty. Only 50 cigars or 100 cigarettes or  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb of cut tobacco are admitted free; excess tobacco, in any form, is subject to a duty of 355% ad valorem.

Cook's & Wagons-Lits Uniformed Interpreter meets steamers at Kobe and Yokohama. He will willingly assist passengers in clearing their baggage through the customs and can transfer baggage to hotel or station at a nominal charge.

## CLOTHING

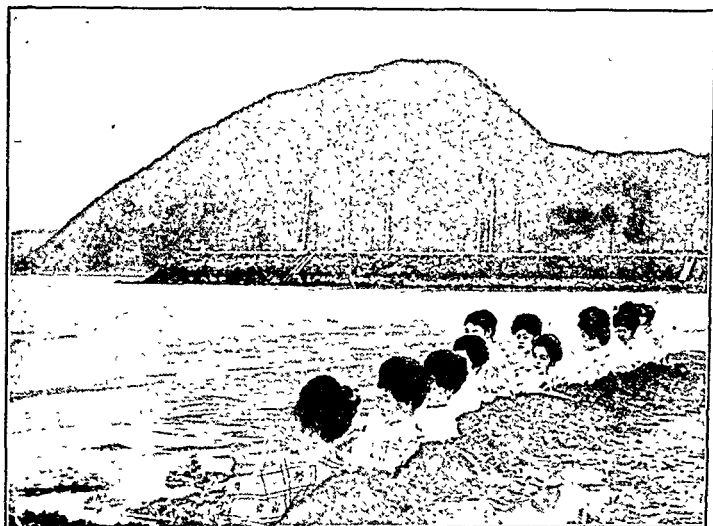
As the climate of Japan proper is similar to that of the middle belt of the United States of America and to that of central and southern Europe, clothing worn in the seasons of those sections may be considered suitable for Japan.

Generally speaking light tweeds or clothing of similar material will be found comfortable, although in the summer months white palm beach and gabardine are worn. Even then, however, slightly heavier clothing should be carried as in the various hill resorts the evenings are frequently cool enough to warrant additional protection. Dust or light rain coats should also be taken. In the winter months somewhat heavier clothes will be found necessary, thicker tweeds, overcoats, etc., while rugs and warm lined gloves for motor drives and travelling generally will often be found of value.

## PASSPORTS

All foreign visitors to the Far East must provide themselves with passports, vised before starting by a consul or other authorised representative of each country the traveller intends to visit, and the exact requirements of each foreign country to be visited should be ascertained from such representatives. The citizens of Germany, Austria, France, Switzerland, Estonia, Lithuania and Finland, and subjects of Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Spain and Italy and British subjects residing in Hongkong are not required to obtain a Japanese visa on their passports. Ordinarily, passports are not needed after landing for travel in Japan, but it is advisable to carry them, for the reason that the police are privileged to demand them at any time, and sometimes request them at interior points.

Visa is required for entry into China or Manchukuo. Further information concerning such visas may be obtained from Cook's and Wagons-Lits offices.



*Sand-bath at Beppu*

## TABLE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

(Useful in shops and while travelling)

The Metric System was adopted in 1924 as the official weights and measures, the old system being discarded. Its complete adoption will take a long time and involve great expenditure. The old system, however, is still in popular use.

1 shaku = 3 dm. or 1 ft.

1 ken (6 shaku) = 1.8 m. or 6 ft.

1 cho (60 ken) = 109 m. or 120 yds.

1 ri (36 cho) = 4 k.m. or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  m.

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1 kin (160 momme) = 600 gs. =  $1\frac{1}{3}$  lbs.

1 kwan (1000 momme) =  $3\frac{3}{4}$  kgs. =  $8\frac{1}{4}$  lbs.

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1 tsubo = 6 ft.  $\times$  6 ft.

## CURRENCY

The nominal par value of the Japanese Yen is approximately 50 cents U.S. Currency or 2/- in English money.

The market rates, as is well known, have fluctuated widely since the War, and values depend upon the rate of exchange prevailing on the day of conversion of foreign money into Yen and vice versa.

At the time of going to press, the Yen is worth approximately 30 cents (U.S. currency) or 1/2d. sterling.

As transportation charges and hotel costs have not yet increased in proportion to the fall in value of the Yen, touring in Japan is now very economical for visitors from abroad.

One Yen equals 100 Sen.

Subsidiary coins issued in the following denominations:—

			U. S.		Sterling
Silver	..	.50 sen pieces	.....	15 cents	..... 7d.
Nickel		.10 " "	.....	03 "	..... 1½d.
"	..	.5 " "	.....	01½ "	..... ¾d.
Bronze	.....	1 " "	.....	0½ "	..... ¼d.

## POSTAL RATES

### Foreign

10 sen (U. S. .03 cents or 1½d.) for first 20 grammes (approximately ¾ oz.)

6 sen for each additional 20 grammes.

Registration Fee .. .. . 16 sen.

Post Cards .. .. . 6 sen. (1½ cents or 1 d.)

### Domestic

3 sen (¾ cent or ½d) for first 15 grammes (approximately ½ oz)

3 sen for each additional 15 grammes.

Registration Fee .. .. . 10 sen.

Post Cards . . . . . 1½ sen.

Air Mail, for first 15 grammes .. .. . 18 sen.

" " Post Cards .. .. . 8½ sen.

### Cable Rates

(Based on Gold Francs—Rates subject to periodical alteration)

	5-letter Code	Plain Language
Japan—San Francisco .. . . .	¥1.62	¥2.69
Japan—New York .. . . .	1.96	3.27
Japan—London . . . . .	1.62	2.69
Japan—Australia .. . . .	1.97	3.29
Japan—India .. . . .	2.00	3.34

Deferred plain language telegrams and Daily Letter Telegrams (the latter with a minimum of 25 words) are transmitted from Japan to most foreign Countries at half rate and at one third of the plain language rate, respectively.

## JAPANESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Every important part of Japan is reached by the Japanese Government Railways and connecting branch lines of private railways. The Government Railways operate a system of 9,555 miles (1932); private railways, 4,407 miles (1932), on both of which extensions are being constantly made.

*Dining Car*



*Second-class sleeper*

The fast long-distance main line trains are equipped with sleeping and dining cars modeled on foreign standards (the latter serving foreign meals) and offer facilities demanded by the travelling public; in addition, observation cars are attached to the limited 1st and 2nd class express trains (which have reserved seats) between Tokyo and Shimonoseki; a 2nd and 3rd class Limited express is also operated between the above terminals.

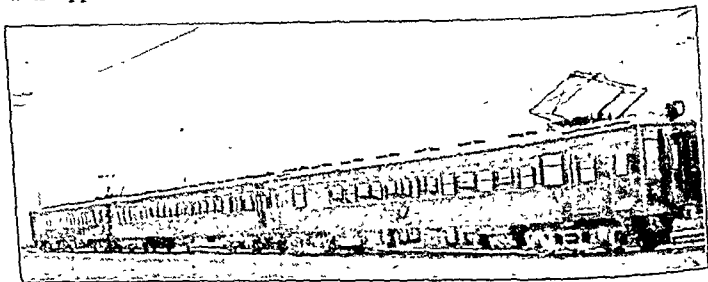
Express trains are run between the large cities. Local trains carry 2nd and 3rd class passengers only, second class accommodation being quite comfortable.

Timetable showing the most important railway services in Japan is given with this issue. Travel tickets to all principal points can be obtained at Cook's & Wagons-Lits Offices, where sleeping berth and seat reservations can be effected.

## PRIVATE RAILWAYS

There are many excellent privately owned electric railways linking up the principal cities and important resorts in Japan. Most of these railways carry only one class at very low fares.

Express cars on some lines maintain rapid transit between principal stations. In addition to inter-urban lines there is a network of tramways in the principal cities. These lines are quite comfortable. Travel by electric railways and city tramcars will appeal to those to whom economy is the first consideration.

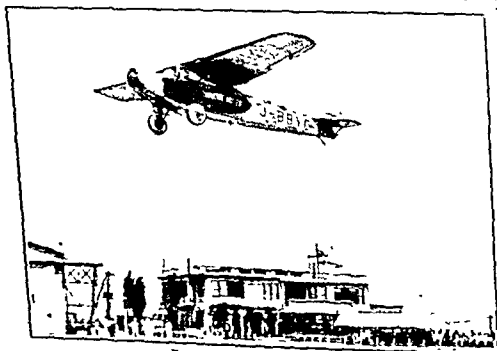


*Electric Railway Train*

Some of the privately owned electric railways provide observation cars or private compartments. The cars on these lines often attain a high rate of speed.

## AIR SERVICE

There is an excellent Air Service in Japan extending through Chosen (Korea) to Dairen, connecting at Shingishu with the Manchukuo Air Service to Harbin and Manchouli. Passenger planes operate daily except Fridays and Mondays between Dairen, Shingishu, Heijo (Pyongyang), Keijo (Seoul), Urusan, Fukuoka, and Osaka, there being a service twice daily (except Fridays)



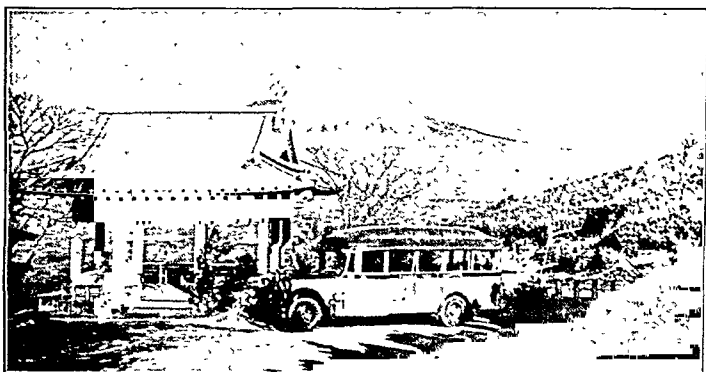
*Japanese Acroplane*

between Osaka and Tokyo via Nagoya. Fares are very moderate. Full particulars, reservations and tickets may be obtained through our offices in any part of the world.

A new air service between Japan & Formosa will be inaugurated shortly.

## MOTOR-BUS SERVICES

There are motor bus services in almost every part of the country, even linking up remote places not readily accessible by other means. At the present time many of these services are not suitable for tourists from abroad owing to their small size, the undeveloped condition of the roads over which they run, and a tendency towards overcrowding. There are, however, notable exceptions among which may be mentioned the services operating in the Miyanoshita district, those linking Miyanoshita with Kamakura and Yokohama and those in the Nikko district which provide comfortable conveyance at a very moderate charge.



*Motor-Bus at Nagao Toge (near Miyanoshita)*

## RICKSHAS AND MOTOR-CARS

The picturesque ricksha still survives in most tourist resorts and provides a comfortable if leisurely mode of conveyance very popular with tourists, especially on shopping expeditions.

Motor-cars and taxi-cabs are fast taking the place of rickshas, especially in the large cities. The police authorities of each place regulate the charge for conveyances. In general they are approximately:

	Per Hour	Per Day
Motor-car.....	¥ 3 to 5	¥ 30 to 50
Ricksha .....	80 sen to ¥ 1	¥ 4 to 5

In large towns and cities taxi-cabs are found in great numbers, the charge varying according to the distance.

## TOURS BY AUTOMOBILE

Tours by automobile can be arranged and excellent private cars engaged in advance through any office of Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd., and Wagons-Lits Co.

It is possible to motor all the way from Kobe to Nikko and vice versa, staying overnight at Nara, Kyoto, Gifu, Nagoya, Kamagori, Shizuoka, Miyanoshita, Atami, Kamakura, Yokohama and Tokyo, where comfortable hotels are available.

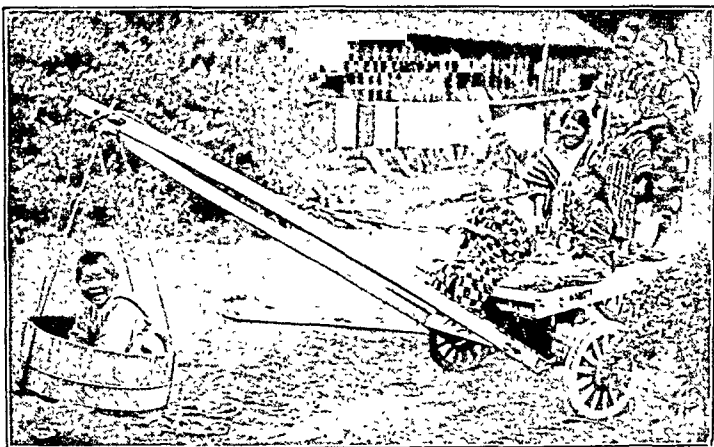
Motor roads have been greatly improved during the last few years, though in some places, especially in mountainous districts after heavy rain, roads may be under repair. For this reason it is usual to travel by train where it is desired to cover long distances in a limited time. A favourite itinerary for tourists landing at Kobe is to see Kobe, Osaka, Nara and Kyoto by car, including a trip to Amanohashidate, where a night is spent in a comfortable Japanese hotel, taking Express train from Kyoto to Numazu, thence automobile to Miyanoshita, the Lakes at the base of Mt. Fuji, the Izu Peninsula, Atami, Kamakura, Nikko, Chuzenji and Shiobara, returning to Yokohama through Tokyo. Tourists landing at Yokohama may make a similar tour in the reverse direction.

Automobile tours of any duration or combined tours by automobile and rail can be arranged under the Inclusive Independent Travel System (see pages 76 & 99). The cost of such tours is extremely reasonable, especially when three or four people share a car. Chauffeurs usually possess a slight knowledge of English and are fully instructed in advance as to the route desired, but are not qualified to act as guides. English speaking guides may be engaged for motor tours if desired, though it should be borne in mind that the guide occupies a place in the car.



*In the building of new motor roads every endeavour has been made to retain the trees and natural scenery.*





*A Little Horse - Play*



*The game of "Jan ken pon"*

At the word "Pon" the hands are shown, the closed fist representing a stone, the two open fingers scissors and the open palm paper. Scissors cut paper, paper wraps the stone and stone breaks the scissors.

## "OFF THE BEATEN TRACK"

From end to end of Japan there are innumerable places of historical and scenic interest

By constant development and improvement in means of communication many such places are already accessible though practically unknown to the average foreign tourist. New foreign style hotels and Japanese hotels catering to the needs of foreign visitors are gradually appearing in many places and every year additional attractions are offered to tourists from abroad. This



*Ainu Woman: Hokkaido*

movement, fostered by a progressive and far-seeing Government, has recently been given fresh impetus. The Japan Tourist Bureau appointed by the Government for the purpose of developing tourist travel is constantly endeavouring to improve conditions, and this movement is heartily supported by foreign tourist agents, steamship companies, etc. It is confidently expected that before long, Japan will become one of the leading tourist countries of the world and that visitors from abroad will not only be warmly welcomed everywhere but find their needs adequately catered for in the innermost recesses of these beautiful sea-girt isles. The Japanese Empire stretching from the frozen North to the tropics possesses a varied climate and has many potential as well as actual summer and winter resorts, whilst in Spring and Autumn the climate is delightful. We may therefore expect to find in the near future many attractions to entice visitors to this delightful country at all seasons of the year.

Space does not permit the enumeration in this booklet of many places of interest off the beaten track, though full information may be obtained from our office in Japan. Brief mention, however, may be made of the following:—

**Hokkaido:** The Northern Island, home of the Ainu (an interesting and unique aboriginal race) noted for its fisheries, stock-farming, and timber. Reached by the Northern Lines of the Japanese Government Railways via Aomori and steamer to Hakodate. Many good Japanese inns cater to the needs of foreign visitors. A Japanese courier guide obtainable through our offices is recommended for a visit to Hokkaido. A week or more can be spent profitably in exploring this picturesque island.

**The Japan Sea Coast.** There are many interesting and beautiful places situated along the North-Western Coast of Japan bordering the Japan Sea, that is to say the shores opposite the Pacific Ocean and Inland Sea. One of the best known of these resorts is Amanohashidate, one of the "Scenic Trio," reached by motorcar or rail from Kobe. There is a comfortable Japanese hotel at Amanohashidate. The whole Japan Sea Coast is admirably served by the Japanese Government Railways.

**Japanese Alps.** A range of high mountains in Central Japan, usually approached via Matsumoto on the Central Railway Line. The scenery in the Japanese Alps is magnificent. Mountaineering trips can be made in summer, whilst in winter ski-ing is available in many places. Lake Suwa, Japan's principal skating resort is situated near the railway line in the Alpine region. Kamikochi Valley 29½ miles West of Matsumoto is famed as the most scenic valley in Japan. A new hotel, providing excellent accommodation for foreign visitors, was opened at Kamikochi in the Summer of 1933.

**The Inland Sea,** extending for 240 miles along the S-W Coast of the main island from Kobe to Shimonoseki is dotted with innumerable islands of varying shapes and sizes. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha maintain steamship services linking up the various islands and such steamer trips,



*Mt. Aso: Kyushu*

especially in daylight, provide a delightful experience. Beppu and Miyajima which afford good foreign-style hotel accommodation are especially worth visiting.



*Tomo Port: Inland Sea*

**Tenryu Rapids.** A most interesting trip, taking one into the very heart of agricultural and rural Japan is that to the Tenryu Rapids. A journey by rail from Nagoya past villages and farms, a night's stay

at a most comfortable Japanese inn amidst charming and delightful surroundings, perched on the edge of high cliffs above the Tenryu Rapids, and then an all day trip by boat through rushing torrents with massive hills rising on either side, followed in the evening by a combined motor and rail trip to bring one to Nagoya by nightfall.



*Lake Towada*

**The Izu Peninsula.** Situated near Yokohama is well served by railway and motor roads. Atami a hot-spring resort is known as the Riviera of Japan. There are two 18 hole Golf Courses at Kawana, near Ito. A fine hotel is being planned here with facilities for bathing, yachting, golf and other sports. Lake Hakone and Miyanoshita are situated at the the base of the Peninsula. The latter is an excellent centre for motor-excursions.

**Mt. Fuji and The Five Lakes.** "Fujisan," Japan's peerless mountain rises in a perfect cone 12,395 feet above sea-level. The mountain may be climbed in July and August, routes usually taken being via Gotemba or Otsuki. Along the base of Mt. Fuji are five beautiful lakes, a foreign style hotel being located on the shores of Lake Shoji. A new hotel which is projected at Lake Kawaguchi will afford exceptional facilities for holidays and winter sports. The Lakes may be visited by motorcar from Miyanoshita, Yokohama or Tokyo. Miyanoshita is a convenient point from which to set out for the ascent of Mt. Fuji or a tour of the Lakes.

**The Kishu Peninsula.** Situated to the South of Kobe and Osaka. The famous gorge of Dorohatcho near the southern extremity of the Peninsula is well worth a visit. Reached by steamer from Osaka to Katsura, thence via Shingu. Yamada on the Eastern side is famed for the historic Ise Shrines and Toba nearby is noted for its Pearl Fisheries.

**The Diamond Mountains.** Kongosan in Korea, reached from Seoul (Keijo) by train to Gensan 7 hours, thence automobile or steamer and automobile about 7 hours more, if visiting the Outer Kongo. The Inner Kongo is reached by rail from Seoul to Tetsugen 3 hours thence by train and auto to Choanji about 6 1/2 hours. The scenery consisting of fantastically shaped rocks, cascades, and wonderful views of mountain and sea, is superb. There are comfortable hotels for the accommodation of visitors.

## OTHER JAPANESE BEAUTY SPOTS

There are very many other scenic resorts in Japan, besides those we have mentioned in the previous pages; some of these are well known and others may be unknown to foreign tourists. We shall be glad to give information about any place which the tourist may wish to visit. For many years the Japanese people selected three resorts as representative of scenic beauty from a Japanese standpoint. These three are called the Scenic Trio and are comparatively well-known to foreign visitors

The Scenic Trio are: Miyajima—Sacred Island of the Inland Sea.

Amanohashidate—On Japan Sea Coast.

Matsushima—On the Pacific Coast.

**The Eight Scenic Beauties.** Recently a nation-wide contest was held under the auspices of the *Osaka Mainichi* and *Tokyo Nichi-Nichi* prominent Japanese newspapers, and as a result of the general voting of the public, confirmed by a careful examination by a committee of experts, the following eight places were chosen as representing the best of different phases of natural beauty:—

Waterfall .....	Kegon Fall near Nikko & Lake Chuzenji.
Lake .....	Lake Towada near Aomori in Northern Japan.
Plain .....	Tokachi Plain in Hokkaido.
River .....	River Kiso, the Japanese Rhine near Nagoya.
Valley .....	Kamikochi Valley in the Japanese Alps.
Promontory .....	Muroto Promontory at South Eastern extremity of Shikoku Island.
Spa .....	Beppu, hot spring resort on Kyushu Isl.
Mountain Resort ..	Mt. Unzen, famous summer resort of Shanghai residents near Nagasaki.



*Mt. Fuji*

## SCENIC BEAUTY.

Japan is richly endowed by nature with scenic charm. A coast-line of varied formation ranging from high rugged cliffs to long

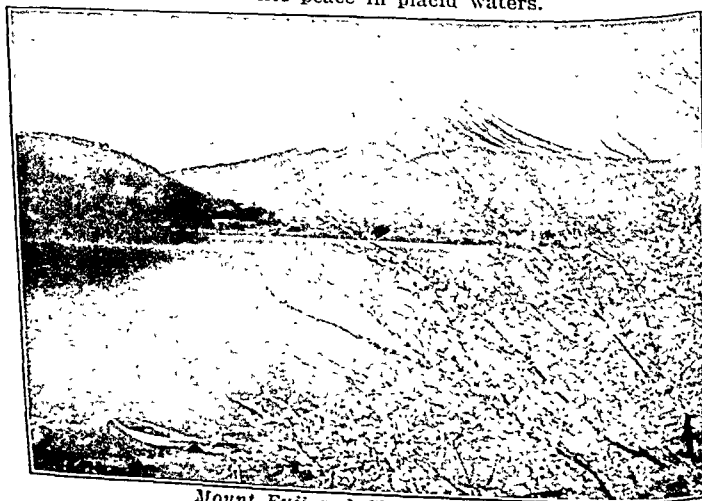


*Fantastic Coast Scenery*



*Trees and Temples*

her restless moods, in sharp contrast with the deep tree-girt lakes which reflect infinite peace in placid waters.



*Mount Fuji and Chamae Bay*

## CITY LIFE IN JAPAN

The large cities of Japan offer to the visitor an almost bewildering medley of sights and sounds and present many strange contrasts between the ancient and the ultra-modern.

Here and there are wide streets flanked by substantial buildings seldom more than seven stories high, interspersed with low wooden structures, which have obviously seen better days, destined in due course to be swept away on the tide of modern progress.



*Washing Day*

Tram-cars, motor buses, taxis, motor lorries and swarms of bicycles traverse these streets with much honking of horns and ringing of bells, whilst occasional rickshas and carts drawn by hand progress more quietly and at a leisurely pace.

Motorcars and buses, always in a hurry, endeavour to save a few moments by cutting corners, whilst cruising taxis come perilously near a likely-looking pedestrian in order to solicit his fare. Traffic Policemen at busy corners with the aid of modern "stop-go" signs and coloured lights, produce order out of chaos, and pedestrians are well advised to keep to controlled crossings. Cyclists in Japan are almost as numerous as babies. Many cyclists are trick riders worthy of the circus. They pedal along unconcernedly balancing several trays laden with

bowls of soup piled one on the other like a house of cards which miraculously does not fall. Bicycles have a metal stand affixed to the back wheel so that they can be left in the middle of the pavement! Sometimes a gaily dressed procession on foot or in motor cars with fluttering banners, beating of drums and blare of trumpets will distribute handbills along the street advertising somebody's pills or a theatrical performance. Accompanied by jingling bells a seller of "gogai" or special editions of newspapers sprints along like a marathon runner. The modest seller of tofu (bean-curd, a popular item on the Japanese menu) parades the streets with his hand-barrow, blowing the while a mournful note on his little horn.

Between the main streets is a jumble of wooden houses, wireless aerials, telegraph poles and small factory chimneys. Seen from a height the average city looks like a sea of grey tiles, with here and there modern buildings standing out like islands. There are many narrow alleys between the closely-set wooden

houses. One can well understand why the fire brigades in Japan get so much practice. In side streets and in alleys and on any piece of waste ground, office clerks assiduously practice basketball at lunch time. Children abound everywhere often carried on the backs of women or of older children. Small boys display their martial spirit fighting mock battles in the streets. Washing may be seen hanging out on small roofs, balconies, or kimonos taken to pieces spread out on boards to dry.

At night the streets are a blaze of electric lights. The skyscrapers in Tokyo rival the "Great White Way." The main shopping streets are overhung with arcways of electric lights. Theatres, dance-halls, moving picture shows and the ubiquitous cafes provide entertainment for the city dwellers. Moving picture houses usually display lurid scenes depicting the thrilling scenes to be witnessed within.

Contrasts in dress abound. Most of the men wear modern European clothes, but some prefer their more picturesque national costume. Dainty maidens in kimono and obi walk side by side with modern girls (known in Japan as "mo ga" a contraction for "modan gaaru") dressed in the latest Parisian gowns. The "geta" or wooden clogs worn by those favouring the Japanese style of dress, make a constant "click-clack" on street or pavement. At festival times small wayside stalls lit by calcium flares line the streets and offer a varied assortment of wares at bargain prices.

Here and there a small wayside shrine offers a peaceful retreat from the hustle of city life. Probably the most impressive sight in any Japanese city is the Imperial Palace, a dignified reminder of old Japan, situated in the very centre of modern Tokyo.



*Motomachi, Kobe; by night.*





OLD  
FASHIONS  
AND  
NEW



## SOME QUAIN'T JAPANESE CUSTOMS

Japanese do many things in a manner different from and sometimes directly opposite to the ways of "foreigners." To Japanese, foreign ways appear equally unaccountable.

Japanese books begin at the back, or what we call the end, the word "finis" being put where we begin our books. Usually the type runs from top to bottom and is read from right to left.

In addressing a letter the reverse of our usual practice is employed, thus: "Japan, Kobe, Kaigan-dori (Kaigan Street) 6 number, Smith, John, Mr." Japanese say "east-north" instead of "north-east"! they also say "four or three" when we say "three or four." Japanese say "Yes" when Westerners would say "no," as "You have no bananas, have you?" The reply would be "Yes, we have none."

There is no letter "l" in Japanese, whilst the Chinese have no "r." Chinese say "light" for "right" whilst Japanese say "remon" meaning "lemon."

Carpenters saw and plane toward instead of away from their bodies. In building a house the roof is constructed first on a near-by piece of ground. Cartmen lead their horses whether the cart is loaded or empty.

Respect is shown by the drawing-in of breath. When greeting each other or taking leave Japanese people bow repeatedly.

There are no flowers in a Japanese landscape garden.

White is worn at funerals and black at weddings.

A Japanese set of cups, plates, etc., is 5 or 10, not 6 or 12.

Many interesting books have been written concerning different phases of Japanese life. Some of these books are



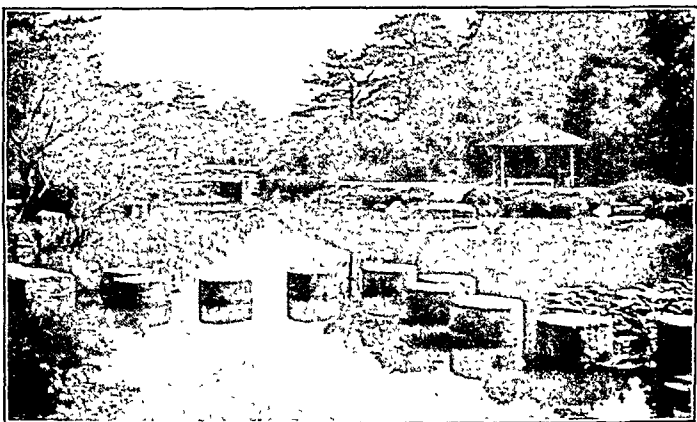
*Sawing Logs.*



*Bride and Bridegroom at the Wedding Feast.*

mentioned in these pages. Their perusal will help visitors to a better appreciation of Japan.

Japanese manners and customs are derived from an ancient civilisation and a long isolation from the rest of mankind under a rigid feudal regime. The native people are well worth studying in town, country and whilst travelling. A few weeks spent among these progressive, courteous and interesting people, provide a delightful experience for the average foreign tourist.



*A Japanese Landscape Garden.*



*Bon Odori, a folk dance for the Feast of Lanterns. In July, all people, young and old, men and women, take part in the dance, especially in the country.*



*Girls' Festival*



*Boys' Festival*

## FESTIVALS

Various ancient festivals, religious and otherwise, are observed in Japan. Whilst even small village temples celebrate their annual festival with processions and other functions, the most important and spectacular of these are to be seen at Kyoto, Tokyo and Nikko. At Kyoto the Aoi Festival is held on May 15th, the Gion Matsuri from July 17th to 24th and the Jidai Matsuri on October 22nd. Gorgeously decorated cars and various groups of people dressed in ancient costumes are an outstanding feature of these festival processions.

The Grand Festival of Nikko Temple is held on June 2nd. the Autumn Festival on October 17th. Over a thousand people attired in appropriate costumes of the Tokugawa period form a long stately procession between the tall cryptomeria trees, an impressive sight reminiscent of olden days.

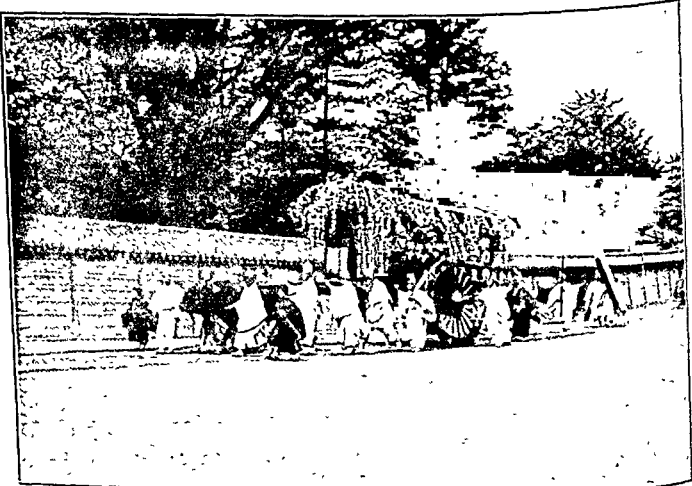
A grand festival is held on April 29th and 30th at the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo dedicated to soldiers who died on the battlefield. Other events in Tokyo are the San-no festival (June 14-16) and the Meiji Shrine festival on November 3rd. A river carnival is also held towards the end of July.

The New Year is celebrated throughout the country from January 1st to 3rd. At New Year work ceases and the holiday

spirit prevails. This is a season for universal goodwill. The people don their best clothes and all houses are decorated. New Year decorations consist of pine trees denoting long life because of their hardness, bamboo stalks denoting constancy and virtue, ferns suggesting good fortune, an orange having the same pronunciation as a Chinese word signifying "generation to generation" and a small lobster suggesting old age because of its curved back. Across the top of the gateway or entrance is strung the "Shimenawa" a deep fringe of straw along which is strung "gohei" sacred cut white paper.



*One of the Procession cars at the famous Gion Festival, Kyoto*



### *Aoi Festival at Kyoto*

The streets are thronged with people paying ceremonial calls, and gay boys and girls playing battledore and shuttlecock. The shuttlecock is said to be a charm against mosquitoes as it resembles a dragon-fly, an insect which devours mosquitoes.

The girls' festival "Hina Matsuri" is held throughout the country on the 3rd day of the 3rd month (March 3rd). This is known as the festival of dolls. The dolls represent the Emperor and Empress and their ministers, court ladies and musicians. Peach blossoms signifying the feminine characteristics of softness, mildness and peacefulness are always among the decorations at this festival. Many marriages take place on this day.

The boys' festival "Tango-no-sekku" is celebrated on the 5th day of the 5th month (May 5th). On this day little flags are set up in the room, together with models of ancient armour and figures representing men famous in history for their strength and valour. Out of doors on a long pole are hoisted balloon carp made of cloth which apparently swim in the air like real fish. One carp is hoisted for each son, a large one (perhaps 15 feet long) for the eldest and others grading down to a small one for the youngest. The carp, which fights its way up swift streams, is held to be a fitting example for growing boys, signifying ambition, strength and the will to overcome difficulties.

## JAPANESE HOUSES & HOTELS

Japanese houses are usually built of wood, one or two stories in height, with shingled or tiled roofs.

The side of the house, composed at night of sliding wooden doors called "amado," is stowed away in boxes during the daytime. Inside the wooden "amado" are frequently found shutters of wood and glass which can also be removed at will. There is usually a narrow verandah within which is another series of sliding panels covered with semi-transparent paper, called "shoji." The rooms are divided from each other by opaque paper screens called "fusuma" or "karakami," which run in grooves at the top and bottom. By taking out these sliding screens, several rooms can be turned into one.

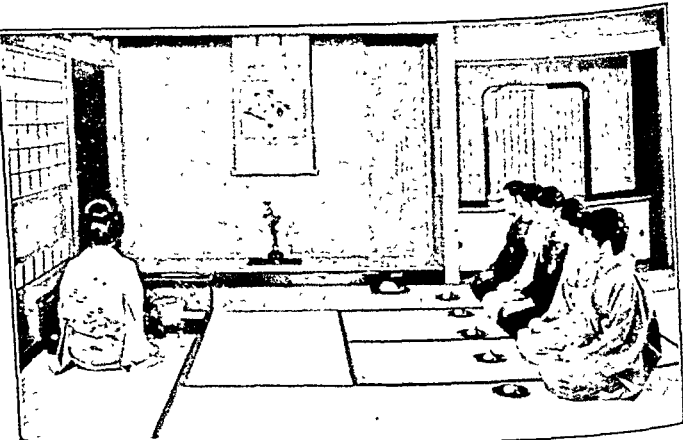
The floor of all living rooms is covered with thick mats, made of rushes and perfectly fitted together. As these mats (tatami) are always of the same size, six feet by three, it is usual to compute the area of the room by the number of its mats; thus an eight-mat room measures 12 feet square.



*The mistress of the house washing a rustic verandah.*

The principal room in a Japanese house—and any guest room in Japanese-style hotels—is provided with a raised place of honour, held as sacred, called the "Tokonoma" a place or alcove made of beautiful wood. On its matted floor is usually displayed some rare curio, in bronze or porcelain, and an arrangement of flowers, called "ike-bana" in an artistic bronze, bamboo or other holder. On the back wall is hung the "Kake-mono" or hanging scroll picture. These are the only adornments to the matted room.

As people sit and sleep on the matted floor shoes must be removed at the entrance of the house. Foreign visitors to Japanese hotels should treat the matted floor with all possible care



*Interior of Japanese House*

and keep it clean, just as they would treat their own sofas or beds.

The necessity for bedsteads is obviated by quilts, which are brought in at night and laid down wherever they happen to be most convenient. Cupboards are, for the most part, openings in the wall, screened in by small paper slides.

Meals are taken seated on the floor and served separately to each guest on a small lacquer tray. When staying in native hotels, it is usually best to order Japanese meals. Many Japanese hotels nowadays offer to provide simple foreign dishes, but their knowledge of foreign cooking is often elementary.

All guests are expected to wash their hands and faces in a common lavatory. They should provide their own soap and towels. Common bathing is customary, but by making a special request to the hotel people foreigners may be able to have the absolute use of the bathroom at a time when it is least required. Soap may be used outside the bath tub, but must be rinsed off carefully before entering the tub, which Japanese use simply to warm themselves. The Japanese are accustomed to take a very hot bath, but foreign guests may temper the water to their liking, taking care however not to lower the temperature so much that it will cause discomfort to later bathers..

Even the smallest Japanese hotels are scrupulously clean. It is an interesting experience to stay a night or two at a native hotel and such stay can be arranged for by Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd. during any tour in Japan. We usually send a Japanese courier-guide to accompany foreign tourists. Such guides speak English and other languages and will be found most useful in making all necessary arrangements with the hotel proprietors.

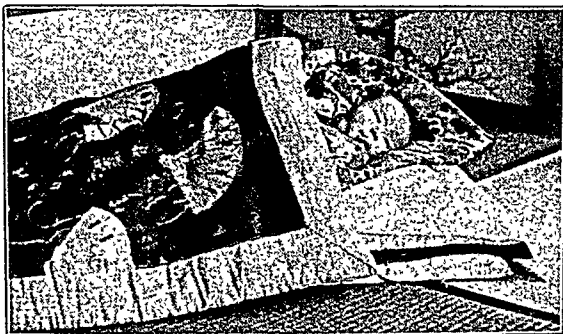




*Hair Dressing*



*The Mid-day Meal*



*Bed Time*



*The Miyako Odori (Cherry Dance)*

## AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATION

There are large theatres, moving picture houses and other places of entertainment in most Japanese Cities, particularly Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe and Yokohama. Most of the theatrical performances consist of "Kabuki" or old—style Japanese plays

A classical dance of great antiquity, known as the "No" dance, is seen chiefly in Tokyo and Kyoto. Modern Japanese plays may be seen occasionally. The Takaradzuka Opera House near Kobe is famous for its spectacular modern revues and ballets. There is a similar Opera House in Tokyo.

Geisha dances are popular and universal forms of entertainment at banquets and other functions in Japan. Geisha may be hired at any time, anywhere, the charge for their entertainment depending on the number and reputation of the dancers.

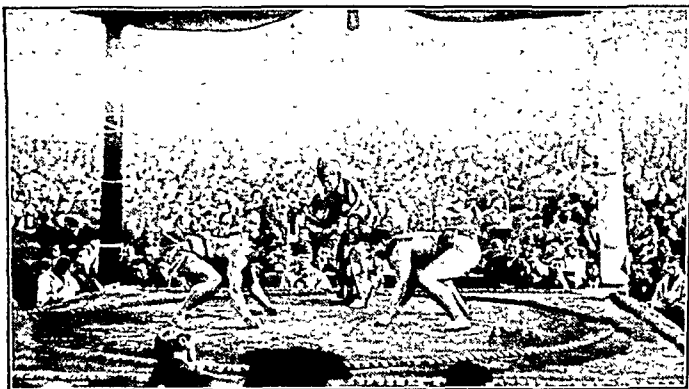
During the month of April the famous "Miyako Odori" or Cherry Dance is performed at the Kaburenjo Theatre in Kyoto. The performance is very spectacular with its numerous dancers and musicians, its perfect rhythm and cleverly manipulated changes of scenery without lowering the curtain between acts. Other spectacular geisha dances are held in Kyoto, Tokyo and Osaka at certain seasons and particulars will be supplied on request.

There are thousands of moving picture houses showing Japanese style films. Some of the larger theatres in Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, etc., exhibit up-to-date American and other foreign films, these houses provide comfortable seating accommodation.

European style dancing, though an innovation in Japan has attained considerable popularity. The principal cities in Japan have some well managed dance halls, provided with trained

dancing-partners, or foreign visitors may dance among themselves if preferred.

The large hotels in Kobe, Yokohama and Tokyo and at some tourist resorts in season, usually give weekly dances which are well patronised by local residents and visitors.

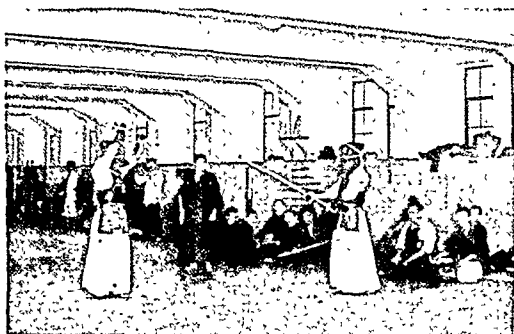


*Sumo, or Japanese Wrestling*

The Japanese are an athletic race and proficient at all forms of sport. As befits a maritime nation they excel at swimming and popular bathing beaches are always crowded. The open-air swimming pools in the hotel grounds at Miyanoshita and Kyoto are popular bathing resorts for visitors. Tennis and golf are very popular and baseball is played everywhere as keenly as in the United States. There is a large stadium in Tokyo, at Koshien near Osaka, and others of varying size in different parts of the country.

Japan possesses excellent summer resorts where swim-

ming, walking, fishing, tennis or golf may be enjoyed by visitors from abroad. A more detailed description is given elsewhere in these pages, and further information will be supplied on request.



*Fencing*

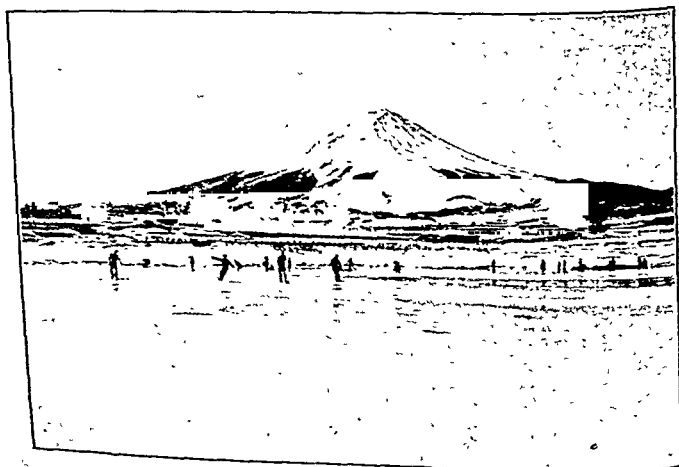
Wrestling or "Sumo," considered the national sport of Japan, may be seen in many places. Fencing is also popular. "Jujitsu" or "Judo," a highly specialized art of self-defence, is known throughout the world. The Japanese have recently shown considerable enthusiasm for boxing. Football and hockey have many adherents among Japanese students.

Foreign visitors to Japan will appreciate the many excellent golf courses of which there are about fifty situated in the vicinity of the principal towns and ports, at mountain and seaside resorts. An interesting booklet "Golf in Japan" is issued gratis by the Japanese Government Railways.

Fishing may be enjoyed all along the extensive sea-coast and in lakes and streams. The best inland fishing is in stocked waters near Nikko and at Lake Towada.

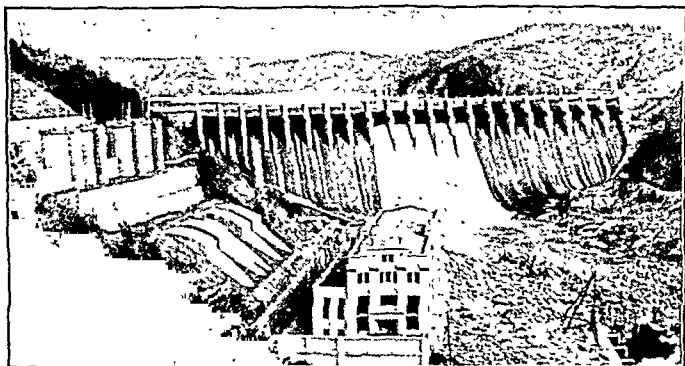
Good shooting is not abundant in Japan proper, but is plentiful in Korea. Information regarding fishing, shooting, etc., will be furnished on request by Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd., or the Japan Tourist Bureau.

Winter Sports have attained great popularity among Japanese people. There are some excellent skiing and skating resorts in the Japan Alps, and other mountain regions. Owing to lack of foreign hotel accommodation in out of the way places such resorts are not much patronised by foreign tourists but a few more years should show considerable progress in this direction. There is an excellent skating rink in the grounds of the Kanaya Hotel at Nikko which is much appreciated by foreign residents and tourists.



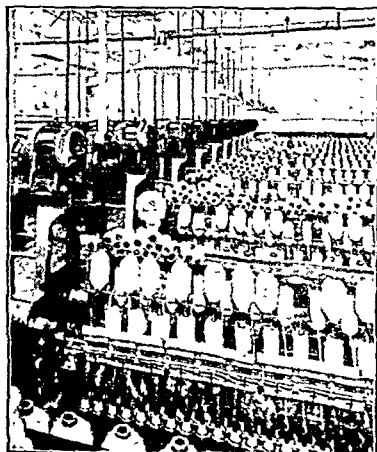
*Skating at the base of Mount Fuji*

## AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY



*The Intake Dam of a Japanese Hydro-electric Plant.*

Only about 15% of the total area of Japan is arable land, the rest consisting of town and village areas, mountains, lakes, rivers, forest and waste lands. The arable lands are intensively cultivated and cut up into comparatively small farms. The nature and manner of the principal crops, rice and mulberry leaves for silkworm feeding, require handwork almost wholly and little modern labour-saving machinery is utilised. The age-old cultivation methods in Japan are very picturesque and provide the artist and photographer with delightful material.



*A Corner of a Cotton Spinning Mill.*

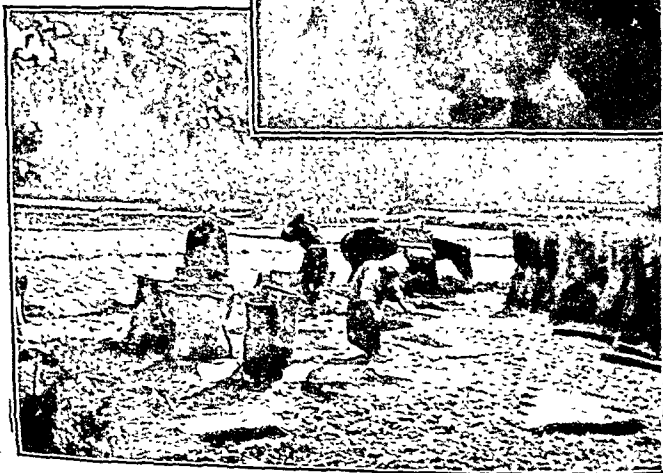
Rice on which the Japanese live is the staple crop. Every available patch of lowland and all uplands that can be irrigated are planted with rice. The terraced hillsides with their bright green rice plants standing in water are very picturesque and typical of the Japanese countryside.

Barley, wheat, beans and other field staples are the principal crops of the upland farms. Fruit culture has made a remarkable growth in recent years. Most of the fruit produced in Japan is excellent. Tea is grown extensively around Shizuoka and Kyoto.

## Rice Planting & Harvesting Scenes.



In early summer the rice plants are transplanted to the water-filled fields and are ready for harvesting in the autumn



Sericulture is regarded as next in importance to rice cultivation. Japan supplies about 60% of the world's raw-silk needs. Silk exports from Japan constitute about 37% of her total foreign trade.

The fishing industry has always been extensive in Japan, a great variety of fish being caught along the extended sea-coast of the country. Herring fishing is conducted on a large scale in Hokkaido and in Karafuto (Saghalien).

Forestry is carried out extensively in Japan, most of the mountains being thickly wooded, adding greatly to the attractiveness of the natural scenery.

Due to the mountainous character of the country and the rainfall, Japan has an abundance of water power everywhere, much of this water power being used for generating electricity. Electrical power is much used by the railways and in various industries. Foreign visitors to Japan are often surprised to find even the smallest hamlets and fishing villages abundantly supplied with electric light.

There are many important industries in Japan, including cotton and silk spinning and weaving, manufacture of all kinds of rubber and celluloid goods, porcelain, toys, in fact every branch of manufacturing industry. Matches exported from Japan in 1929 exceeded in volume the trade of any other nation except Sweden.

There are 24 ship-building yards in Japan with an annual producing capacity of 600,000 tons. The supply of rolling stock, locomotives, carriages and electric railway equipment is all manufactured in Japan.

During the last half century Japan has made vast strides in all branches of industry and is now one of the foremost manufacturing countries in the world.



*Country girls picking tea leaves.*

## THE JAPANESE FLORAL CALENDAR

Japanese are great lovers of flowers. They make flower-viewing the occasion for open-air picnics accompanied by much festivity, especially during the brief season of cherry-blossoms which draw vast multitudes of gaily dressed people to a few particularly favoured spots where the blossoms are most prolific.

Every month of the year has its favourite flower or tree, their blooming seasons varying a little according to latitude and location in Japan's long stretch from north to south.

January has the pine; February plum-blossoms; March the peach and pear; April, cherry; May, azalea, peony and wistaria; June, iris; July morning-glory; August, lotus; September has the "seven grasses of autumn"; October the chrysanthemum; November, maples; and December the camellia.



*Wistaria Flowers at Kameido, Tokyo.*

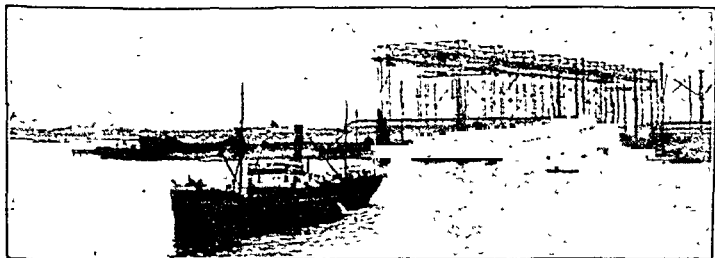


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## K O B E



*The Kawasaki Dockyard, one of the first sights on entering Kobe Harbour*

Kobe with a population of 787,616 (in 1930) is a thriving open port and mart of Japan, located on the East end of the world-famous Inland Sea, and stretching at the foot of a range of picturesque and lofty hills.

Kobe faces south and owes much of its popularity to the dryness and purity of its air. The hills at the back of Kobe are magnificent and offer the visitor an alluring variety of walking and motor trips.

With good roads and an excellent railway service Kobe is a convenient centre from which to make excursions to many places of supreme interest, such as Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Mount Rokko, Arima Spa and places bordering on the picturesque Inland Sea.

The modern docks of Kobe are a revelation to the average traveller arriving here for the first time. Kobe stands in the first rank among the great ports of the East. It is an active, enterprising city with very big ship-yards, flour mills, sugar refineries and other industrial interests, enjoying an enormous amount of both domestic and foreign trade.

Kobe is well provided with comfortable hotels. The shops of Kobe are many and varied; well equipped to supply the requirements of visitors. Information regarding shopping in Kobe will be found in our advertisement pages.

The sights of the city include the Nunobiki waterfalls, the Nanko and Minatogawa Shrines, Suwayama Park, Theatre Street, etc. Short motor trips to Mount Rokko, Takaradzuka and Arima, and a drive to Maiko or Akashi on the Inland Sea are very enjoyable.

Arrangements can be made through Cook's to visit Japanese restaurants and theatres and the well-known Opera House at Takaradzuka with its spectacular ballets and revues.



*Kobe Harbour from the hills*



*Himeji Castle*



*Kunobiki Fall, Kobe*

There is a funicular railway ascending Mount Maya (Mayasan) whence views of Kobe Harbour and surroundings may be obtained. An electric railway operates between Kobe and Arima, passing through some fine scenery en route.

### Excursions from Kobe.

In addition to the short trips already mentioned, extended motor excursions may be made to Osaka, the commercial metropolis of Japan, Kyoto the ancient capital, and Nara with its famous Deer Park. These three places may even be visited in one day by travellers whose time is limited.

Enjoyable motor trips may be made from Kobe to Daisenji with its ancient temple, Himeji noted for its picturesque feudal castle, and to many other interesting and scenic places. Further particulars of motor car excursions from Kobe will be found in Cook's leaflet "KOBE AUTO TRIPS" which is supplied gratis on request.

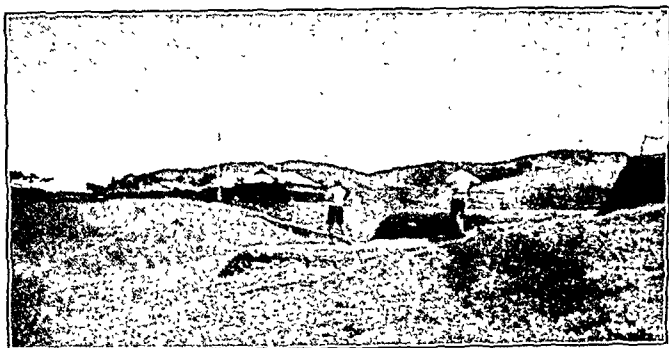
### ROKKOSAN

Rokkosan, or Mount Rokko, situated at an elevation of nearly 3,000 feet above sea level, is a favourite summer resort for Kobe residents and visitors from China.

Rokkosan may be reached within an hour from Kobe by motor car, by suburban electric railway, motor bus and cable railway, or by a suspended overhead trolley popularly known as the "Ropeway."

There are two comfortable European-style hotels at Rokkosan, one being opened in summer only.

There is an excellent 18-hole golf course on Mount Rokko. Golf, tennis, swimming and walking amid the beautiful mountain scenery are popular diversions for summer residents, whilst skating and skiing are possible during part of the winter.



*Golf Course, Rokko, 18 holes, 4,000 yds.*

## KOSHIEN

The Koshien Hotel is a comfortable establishment situated in a picturesque spot on the River Muko, close to the Hanshin Highway between Kobe and Osaka. Koshien is also reached by the Hanshin Electric Railway which runs between Kobe and Osaka. There is a large Athletic Stadium at Koshien where baseball and tennis matches, and occasionally other athletic events, take place.

## TAKARAZUKA

Takarazuka is a pleasure resort situated on the banks of the Muko River and can be reached from Kobe or Osaka in about 45 minutes by road or electric railway.

In addition to a comfortable hotel, Takaradzuka possesses a mineral spring, a large Opera House and Dance Hall. The Takarazuka Country Club Golf Links (18 holes) are situated about a mile from the hotel. There are other good golf courses in the vicinity, notably those at Inagawa, Sanda and Mount Rokko, the latter being connected with Takarazuka by a newly-opened motor highway.

Other places of interest in the vicinity are Arima Spa and Mino-o Park, the latter being famous for its maple leaves in Autumn.

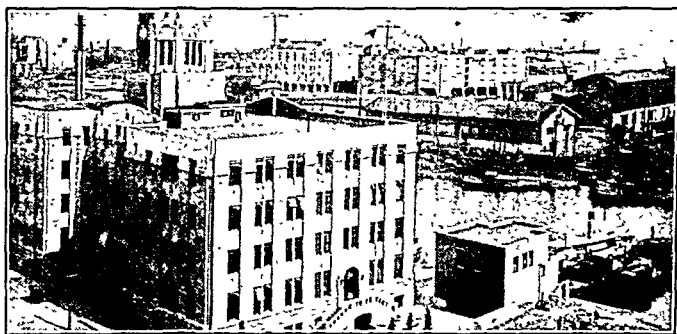


*The beautiful beach of Suma, a suburb of Kobe*

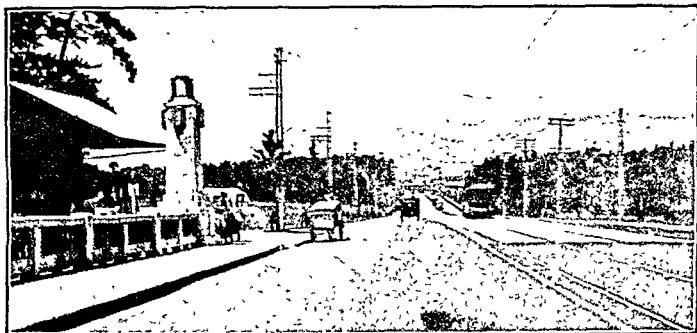
## VIEWS NEAR KOBE



*Maiko*



*Kobe Harbour Office and Waterfront*



*Kobe—Osaka Highway*

# OSAKA

Osaka, the Commercial and Industrial Metropolis, is the second largest city in Japan, having a population of 2,654,000 (in 1933). Osaka is a large manufacturing centre and its industrial activities embrace almost every line of business. Cotton Spinning is the leading industry, there being 48 cotton-spinning mills. Besides shipbuilding yards, ironworks and sugar refineries Osaka possesses about 20,000 factories large and small, employing some 170,000 hands, where every conceivable kind of merchandise is manufactured for export as well as for domestic consumption. The Imperial Mint is also established in Osaka.

The city is intersected by many canals. Nakanoshima Park provides a haven of rest situated in the centre of the city on an island between the banks of the Ajikawa River. Shinsekai or "New World" and Dotombori are the gayest popular resorts of the city people, containing many theatres, moving picture palaces, dance halls, restaurants and cafes.

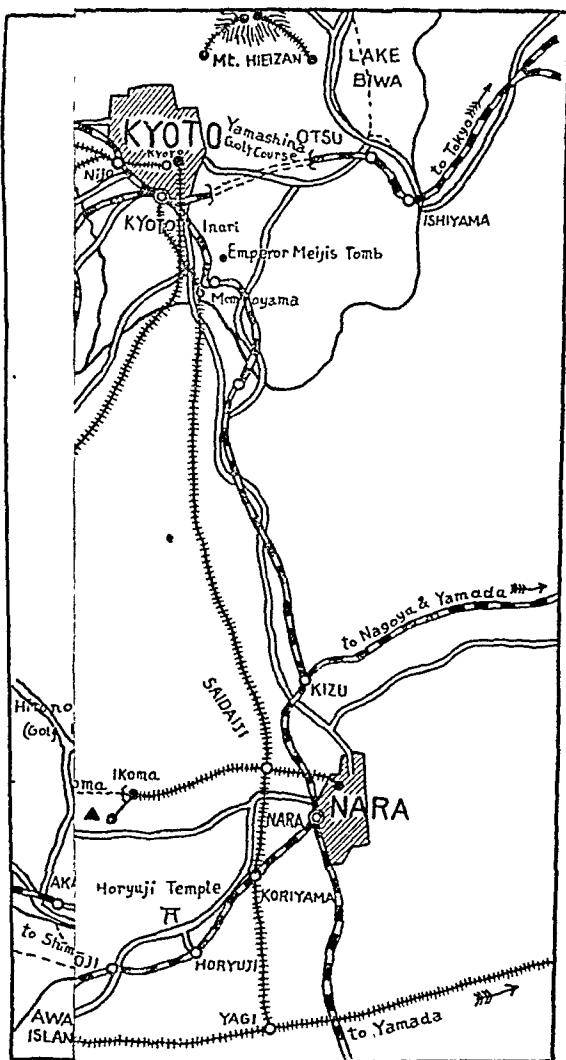
Osaka Castle was founded in the sixteenth century, whilst the Tennoji Temple dates back to the seventh century when Osaka first became known.

At Hamadera, a fashionable seaside resort for Osaka residents there is a new Agricultural Museum well worth a visit. In this museum are many interesting tableaux and diagrams, showing modern farming, fruit growing, silk production and a host of other interesting exhibits. On the third floor of the spacious building is a priceless exhibition of ancient pottery, armour and various utensils of great archaeological interest.

There are comfortable hotels in Osaka and at Koshien on the main highway between Osaka and Kobe, making Osaka a convenient centre for excursions to Kyoto, Nara, Yamada, Takarazuka and other places of interest situated within easy reach of the city.



*Silkworm Raising Exhibit at Hamadera Museum.*





## N A R A

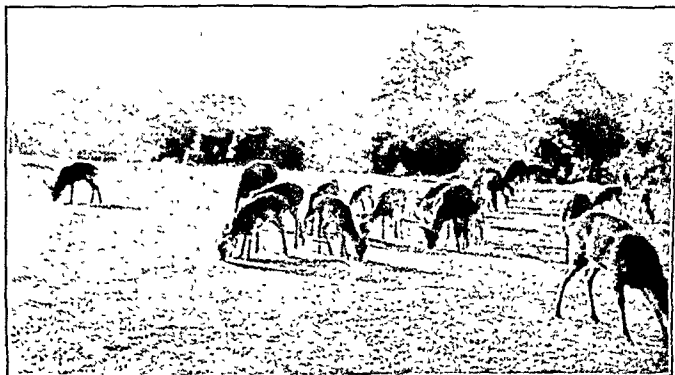
Nara is often visited as a day excursion from Kyoto, though a longer stay at Nara is well worth while for those who have sufficient time to spare. The Nara Hotel is a most comfortable establishment managed by the Japanese Government Railways.

Nara was the Imperial capital during seven reigns, covering a space of over 80 years (708—794 A. D.). The present city is situated on the site of the east suburb of the former capital and occupies an area only one-tenth of that of the old city, which fact will give some idea of the glory of the ancient Nara. Fire has swept out of existence many of the old Buddhist structures, and time has wrought ravages on ancient edifices, yet there are found a number of large temples in a state of good preservation in the city and its environs. Nara formed the centre of Buddhism for nearly two centuries and bears strong imprints of that religion. The whole city constitutes a museum of Japanese ancient culture; there is not a single tree or stone or a single inch of ground, but tells some story of deep interest to historians and students of art and religion. Added to these intellectual attractions, the city is favoured with an ample share of the beauties of nature.

Most of the ancient temples are set in a beautiful park, in which several hundreds of tame deer roam among the superb trees. These deer will feed from the visitors' hand; their persistence in seeking food is most entertaining.

An interesting motor car excursion can be made from Nara to Horyuji built about 1,300 years ago, the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan. Some of its buildings, probably the oldest wooden structures in the world, contain priceless art treasures.

A beautiful seven-mile motor drive from Nara is the circuit of the Kasuga Okuyama Driveway, through a beautiful mountain region covered with virgin forest.

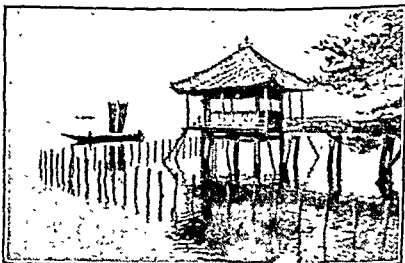


*Nara Park*

## PLACES OF INTEREST NEAR KOBE

### KYOTO

Kyoto was the capital of Japan for more than one thousand years—that is from the founding of the city in A. D. 794 down to 1868, when the Emperor Meiji transferred the capital to Tokyo. It is a classic city rich in historic associations and legendary lore, representing the



*Lake Biwa*

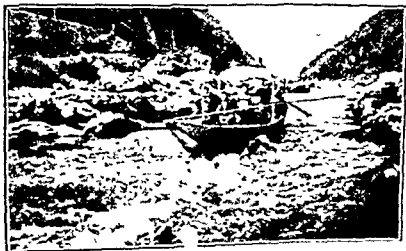
civilisation of old Japan in literature, art, and all other features that go to make up culture, just as Tokyo represents the civilisation of New Japan in all these respects. Favoured by natural beauty and rendered charming by the artistic customs of the place, Kyoto amply deserves to rank as one of the foremost tourist points in the world.

The city and vicinity abound in historically famous shrines and temples which still attest its old glory and splendour.

The hotels of Kyoto offer every modern comfort and luxury.

Visitors to Kyoto should see some of the small "factories" where various hand-made objects of art are made. Kyoto is the centre of such fine-art industries. It is also an excellent centre for shopping. (For further information see our advertisement pages).

The famous "Cherry-Dance" which draws thousands of visitors from all parts of the world, may be seen in Kyoto during the month of April.



*Hodzu Rapids*

The vicinity of Kyoto abounds in places of interest. Shooting the Hodzu Rapids is a popular excursion; usually made by automobile to Kameoka, then by boat down the rapids to

Arashiyama (Mist Mountain) and car back to the Hotel. Arashiyama is famed for its cherry blossoms in spring, shady groves in summer, brilliant autumnal tints, and snow scenery in winter.

A popular excursion by motor car from Kyoto is to Uji where the choicest tea is grown. The "Phoenix Hall" of the Byo-do-in temple near Uji is very picturesque. The tombs of the Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken at Momoyama can be visited en route.

Another favourite excursion from Kyoto is to Lake Biwa, either by motor car along the direct road, or across the summit of Mount Hiei (2700 feet) from which fine views can be obtained. There is a picturesque monastery on Mount Hiei situated among tall cryptomeria trees. Mount Hiei possesses two cable railways, one on each side of the mountain and a suspended funicular railway near the summit.

Lake Biwa is the largest lake in Japan; steamers ply around its shores and visit various islands. Return to Kyoto can be made by motor car from Sakamoto or by boat on the canal through its tunnels. A new lakeside resort near Otsu with a fine hotel with facilities for swimming, yachting and tennis has been opened recently. The hotel, situated on the shore of Lake Biwa can be reached from Kyoto by automobile in about twenty minutes. The amenities offered by this hotel will doubtless attract many vacationists.

There is an excellent motor road from Kyoto to Amanohashidate ("Heavenly Bridge") one of the famous scenic trio of Japan. There is also a good road from Kobe. Amanohashidate can also be reached by train. Owing to the distance from Kyoto or Kobe visitors are recommended to stay overnight in one of the excellent Japanese hotels at Amanohashidate.



*Arashiyama, Kyoto*

# G I F U

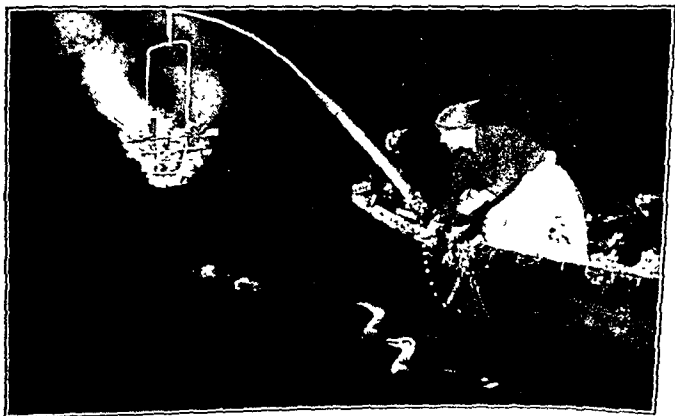
Gifu, situated on the main line between Kyoto and Nagoya, is a manufacturing centre for paper lanterns, Japanese umbrellas and fans. It is also the best centre from which to see the famous Cormorant Fishing which takes place every year from May 11th to October 15th, except at full moon or when the river is in flood.

The Cormorant Fishing takes place on the Nagara River, which flows past the town of Gifu. A comfortable hotel has been built on the river bank and the varied life of the swiftly-flowing river can be seen from the hotel garden.

Usually a pleasure boat is taken up the river, following the cormorant boats with their weird pitch pine torches flaring at the bows. It is a wonderful sight to watch the master fishermen each deftly manipulating twelve cormorants attached to as many long strings, which miraculously do not become entangled whilst the birds dart hither and thither in their quest for fish, which they hunt with marvellous dexterity.

The pleasure boats, gaily bedecked with lighted lanterns, are thronged with merry folk who beguile the time with songs and fireworks whilst awaiting the arrival of the cormorant boats.

Cormorant Fishing dates back to the tenth century and presents a memorable and animated scene which may well be regarded as one of the outstanding attractions of a summer visit to Japan.



*Cormorant Fishing*

## GAMAGORI (or KAMAGORI)

Gamagori station is on the main line between Nagoya and Toyohashi. At present express trains do not stop there, but passengers may change to an ordinary train at Nagoya or Toyohashi. Kamagori may also be visited by motor-car, being conveniently situated on the main road between Tokyo and Kobe.

The Kamagori Hotel, newly constructed on a hill overlooking the islet-studded Ise Bay, is up-to-date in every respect, and offers superior cuisine and excellent accommodation for visitors.

Externally the hotel somewhat resembles an old feudal castle, blending perfectly with the Japanese landscape garden in which it stands.



*Kamagori Hotel  
overlooks Ise  
Bay dotted with  
pine-clad isles.*

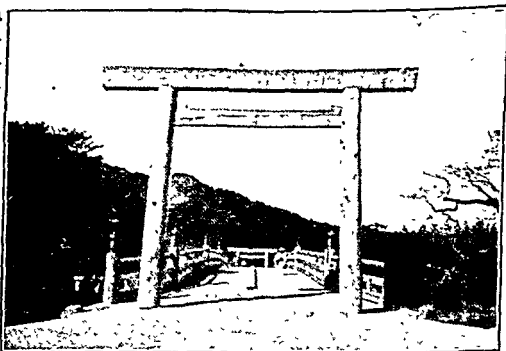
The view from the Hotel is singularly impressive. At the foot of the hill stretch golden sands, whence a long bridge leads to a small rockbound island, densely clothed with gnarled pine trees and surmounted by a picturesque temple. Seawards one looks out over the vast waters of Ise Bay whilst on the landward side lie fertile plains bounded by verdant hills.

A very pleasant excursion can be made by steamer to Toba noted for pearl-fishing. From Toba a drive may be made to Yamada and the historical Shrines of Ise.

Kamagori is a well-known bathing resort and offers facilities for swimming and boating amid picturesque surroundings.

## UJI - YAMADA

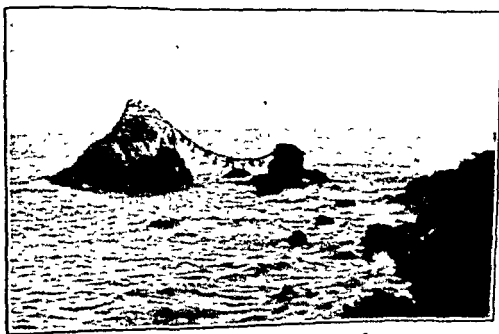
Uji-Yamada (more commonly known to foreigners as Yamada) is celebrated for the Great Shrines of Ise, the most venerated shrines in all Japan. These shrines are the Mecca of millions of Japanese pilgrims. The shrines made of unpainted wood are



*Entrance to Grand Shrine, Ise*

most impressive in their beautiful simplicity surrounded by high trees and an atmosphere of serene peacefulness.

A day excursion can now be made to Yamada and back from Nara, Osaka or from Kobe or Kyoto, travelling by the new Sankyu Express Line. Yamada can also be reached by the Government Railways from any of these points. The journey can be continued by Government Railway to Nagoya or travellers can stay in Yamada at a small semi-foreign hotel, or at a



*Wedded Rocks, Futami*

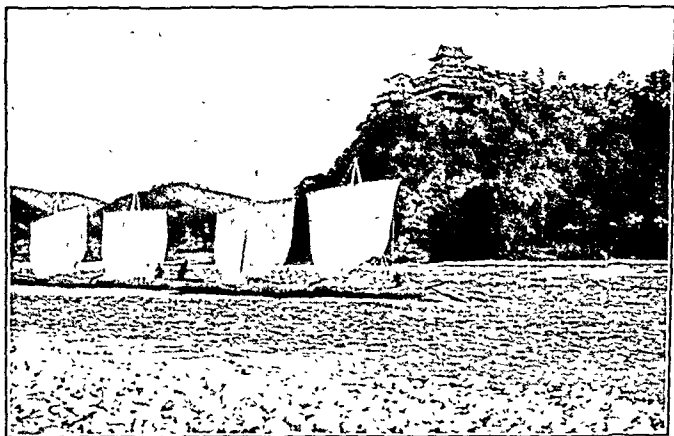
Japanese hotel in Yamada or Futami. Futami a sea-side resort near Yamada is noted for its "Wedded Rocks" which are featured in many Japanese pictures. At Toba beyond Futami, pearl diving may be witnessed in season.

## NAGOYA

Nagoya, the largest industrial city between Tokyo and Osaka, is the centre of the pottery and porcelain industries. It is also famous for its ancient feudal castle.

Inuyama, near Nagoya, is situated on the Kiso River (known as the Japanese Rhine). A boat trip from Rhine-yuen, near Nagoya, down the river to Inuyama is interesting and attractive. Cormorant fishing also takes place on the Kiso River during summer.

There are foreign-style hotels at Nagoya and Inuyama. Tourists frequently stop over at Nagoya en route between Kyoto and Tokyo.



*River Kiso and the Castle of Inuyama, nr. Nagoya*

## SHIZUOKA

Shizuoka, the largest city between Nagoya and Yokohama, is the centre of a large teagrowing district, the tea being exported from Shimizu, its port. The remains of Iyeyasu, founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate rested temporarily on Kunozan, a small steep hill near Shizuoka, while his permanent mausoleum was being built at Nikko. A good Japanese hotel at Shizuoka with a European wing offers comfortable accommodation for tourists.

## MIYANOSHITA



*Long-tailed Fowl  
at Miyanoshita*

Miyanoshita, set among the glorious scenery of the Hakone Mountains is a favourite holiday resort at all seasons. It is the best centre from which to explore the beautiful district around Mount Fuji, Japan's highest mountain, superb and peerless, whose perfect cone is the crowning glory of the Island Empire.

Those who wish to climb Mount Fuji (the ascent can be made in summer only) or to make the tour round the base of the mountain, will find Miyanoshita a convenient point from which to start.

Mount Fuji may be viewed from many points near Miyanoshita. The Prince of Wales, when His Royal Highness viewed the mountain from Nagao Toge exclaimed "This alone is worth coming all the way to Japan to see." Incomparable views are obtainable from Lake Hakone and from the lakes which nestle at the foot of the sacred mountain.

The Fujiya Hotel at Miyanoshita, with its hot spring baths, superior cuisine and services, offers excellent accommodation for visitors. The hotel is situated in the loveliest surroundings and has a beautiful garden. There is a large open-air swimming pool in the hotel grounds supplied by a continuous flow of natural water of agreeable temperature.

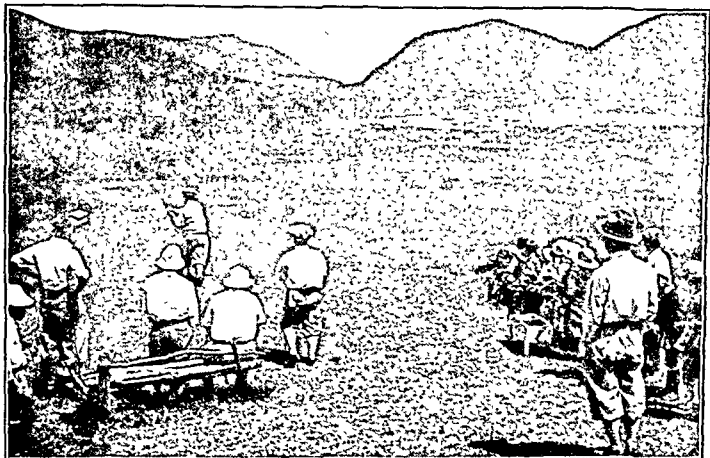
Natural hot spring water supplies all guest rooms and bathrooms in the hotel, also its Roman Aquarium and Mermaid baths and Dream Pool, which are among the hotel's novel attractions.

The hotel has a 9-hole Golf Course, in the crater of an extinct volcano, at Sengokuhara, with frequent bus service, or Motor, from Miyanoshita.

An electric railway and cable car take the visitor to within easy walking distance of Ojigoku "Big Hell" with its boiling sulphur springs spouting from a desolate mountain side.

Many enjoyable days may be spent in walking and motor trips among the mountains of this district, and longer motor car excursions can be made to the five lakes at the base of Mount Fuji: to Atami, where there are two good foreign style hotels, to the two 18-hole golf courses at Kawana, and to other resorts on the Izu Peninsula.

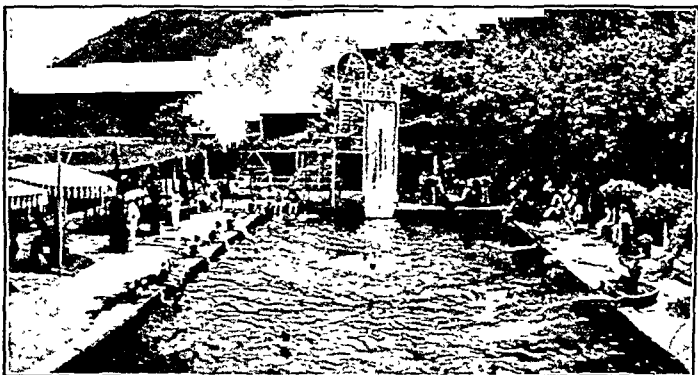




*Fujiya Hotel Golf Course at Sengokuhara*

There are good motor roads and an excellent motor bus service connecting Miyanoshita with Yokohama, Kamakura, Odawara, Numazu, etc. Travellers from Kobe and Kyoto usually leave the train at Numazu or Atami, driving to Miyanoshita via Lake Hakone, proceeding from Miyanoshita by automobile to Odawara, whence train is taken to Yokohama and Tokyo, or vice versa.

Miyanoshita is reached from Yokohama by rail and automobile or by automobile direct in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours, and therefore can be visited as a day excursion by steamship passengers passing through Yokohama, though a longer stay at Miyanoshita is recommended when time permits



*Fujiya Hotel Swimming Pool*

## BY MOTOR ROUND MOUNT FUJI

A new motor road covering 122 miles round the base of Mount Fuji makes it possible to encircle the famous mountain in a day's drive from Miyanoshita.

The way lies through Nagao-Toge and Gotemba to Lake Yamanaka and thence to Funatsu on Lake Kawaguchi. Here, if desired, a motor boat may be taken across the Lake where a short walk brings the traveller to Lake Seiko, which may also be crossed by motor boat and the car rejoined at Nemba. The next feature of the drive is the beautiful Lake Shoji, and the fifth lake, Motosu, is passed shortly afterwards.

The road now leads to Kamiide passing the famous waterfalls Otodome-dake (Noiseless Waterfall) and Shiraito-no-take (White Thread Waterfall).

Before entering Yoshiwara the road is bordered with pine trees which meet overhead, and at the end of the avenue is a wooden bridge from which may be seen the famous "Mikaeri-Matsu" view with Mount Fuji in the distance, a view immortalised by Hiroshige, the famous Japanese artist.

At Hara, the next place en route, is Mr. Y. Uyematsu's residence with its famous collection of dwarfed trees (bonsai) regarded as being the best collection in Japan. From Hara the route leads back to Miyanoshita by way of Numadzu and Lake Hakone.

## ATAMI

Atami is a popular resort on the main line between Odawara and Numazu near the entrance to the Tanna Tunnel.

The East Coast of the Izu Peninsula, on which Atami is situated, is known as the Riviera of Japan on account of its equable climate.

Atami being part of an extinct volcano has a large number of hot springs, one of these being the well-known geyser which no longer erupts, but nevertheless supplies the hottest natural water in Japan to several inns and bath-houses.

There are two hotels at Atami where visitors from abroad may enjoy every comfort amid the picturesque rock-bound coast scenery and verdant hills of the Izu Peninsula.

# YOKOHAMA AND DISTRICT

## YOKOHAMA

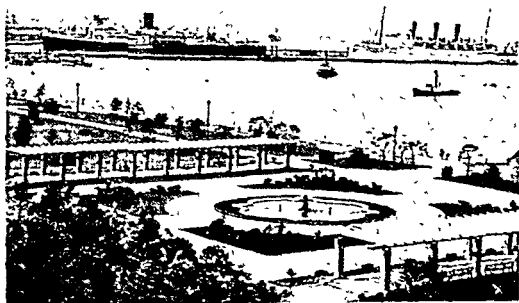
Since Yokohama was opened to foreign trade in 1859, it has risen from a little fishing village of some 100 inhabitants into one of the most important Treaty Ports in Japan. It is the gateway to Tokyo, with which it is connected by rail and by road.

The city was almost entirely destroyed in the great earthquake of September 1st, 1923, but has made a remarkable recovery and again ranks as the premier port in Japan for export trade and second only to Kobe in the total volume of commerce handled.

Reconstruction is everywhere in evidence in Yokohama today. Wide streets have replaced the former narrow thoroughfares, and substantial bridges have been erected in place of the flimsy wooden structures of pre-earthquake times. Many solid fire and earthquake-proof buildings have been constructed includ-

in the Hotel New Grand, a fine hostelry far surpassing the well-known Grand Hotel of former days.

A few of the temporary office buildings are still to be seen but for the most part the city has been restored to its former prosperity, in fact the new



*Yokohama Harbour*

Yokohama is a much finer city than before. Thanks to the indomitable spirit of Yokohama's citizens there has risen from the ashes of the old town a new city worthy of the tradition of Yokohama, known for many years for its hospitality to foreign visitors.

Cook's Interpreter at Yokohama has an office in the Hotel New Grand. He will be pleased to arrange excursions for travellers and to supply tickets and travel information.

Information regarding shopping in Yokohama is given in our advertisement pages.

Nogeyama Hill in Yokohama offers a wide view of the city and harbour. The Sankei-en Garden is an attractive place noted for its lotuses and other flowering plants. Theatre Street, in the city, with its numerous shows, etc., is typically Oriental.

## YOKOHAMA—KOBE OR VICE VERSA (28 days).

- 1st Day—Arrive Yokohama. Morning or afternoon. Excursion by motor car to Kamakura visiting Daibutsu.
- 2nd Day—In Yokohama. Morning at leisure.  
Leave Yokohama p.m. Arrive Tokyo p.m.  
Leave Tokyo p.m. Arrive Nikko p.m.
- 3rd Day—In Nikko. Morning visit the temples and shrines on foot. Afternoon drive by automobile to Kirifuri Waterfall.
- 4th Day—In Nikko. Morning drive by automobile to Lake Chuzenji and Kegon Waterfall. Afternoon at leisure.
- 5th Day—In Nikko. Morning at leisure.  
Leave Nikko p.m. Arrive Tokyo p.m.
- 6th Day—In Tokyo. Morning and afternoon, automobile sightseeing in city visiting the Ginza and principal points of interest.
- 7th Day—In Tokyo. At leisure.
- 8th Day—Leave Tokyo a.m. Arrive Odawara a.m. thence automobile to Miyanoshita.
- 9th Day—In Miyanoshita. All day automobile drive round Mt. Fuji visiting Lakes Yamanaka, Shoji, etc.
- 10th Day—In Miyanoshita. Morning automobile drive to Lake Hakone. Afternoon at leisure.
- 11th Day—Leave Miyanoshita by automobile to Odawara.  
Leave Odawara a.m. Arrive Kamagori p.m.
- 12th Day—In Kamagori. At leisure.
- 13th Day—Leave Kamagori a.m. by steamer.  
Arrive Toba a.m. Visit pearl fisheries and Shrines of Ise at Yamada.  
Leave Toba by steamer. Arrive Kamagori.
- 14th Day—Leave Kamagori. Arrive Gifu. In evening visit the Cormorant fishing (middle May to middle October only).
- 15th Day—Leave Gifu. Arrive Kyoto.
- 16/19 Days—In Kyoto. Sightseeing by automobile in Kyoto on one day. On another morning excursion to Mt. Hiei and Sakamoto. A day's trip on Lake Biwa will also be provided, and a half day's trip on the Hodzu Rapids.
- 20th Day—Leave Kyoto a.m. Arrive Nara. Afternoon sightseeing by rikisha in Nara Park.

21st Day—In Nara. Morning automobile drive to Horyuji Temple and the gold fish hatchery at Koriyama, continuing to Osaka. Lunch in Osaka and continue to Takarazuka where the theatre will be visited, thence to Kobe.

22nd Day—In Kobe. Morning drive by automobile to Rokkasan (3000 ft.) and return. Afternoon sightseeing and shopping in Kobe by rikisha. Leave Kobe p.m. by steamer.

23rd Day—Arrive Beppu p.m. An automobile drive round the hot springs will be arranged in the late afternoon.

24th Day—Leave Beppu a.m. by steamer. Arrive Miyajima p.m. 25th Day—In Miyajima. Morning launch excursion round the Sacred Island. Afternoon at leisure.

26th Day—Leave Miyajima p.m. Arrive Kobe p.m. 27th Day—In Kobe. At leisure.

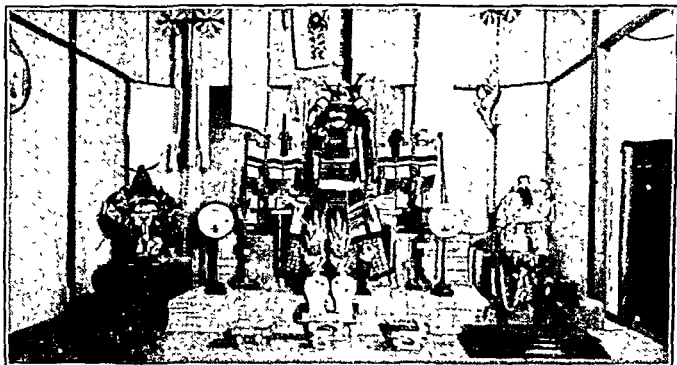
28th Day—Leave Kobe.



## TOUR No. 108

### QUICK TRIP, KOBE—YOKOHAMA (3 days).

- 1st Day—Arrive Kobe a.m. Leave Kobe. Arrive Kyoto. Afternoon sightseeing by automobile in Kyoto.
- 2nd Day—In Kyoto. Morning sightseeing by automobile in Kyoto. Afternoon excursion to Nara by train visiting the Deer Park by rikisha. Leave Kyoto p.m.
- 3rd Day—Arrive Tokyo a.m. Morning sightseeing by automobile in Tokyo. Leave Tokyo after lunch. Arrive Yokohama and embark on steamer.



*Dolls representing national heroes and miniature martial accoutrements, armours, swords, lances, axes, bows, arrows, etc. are displayed for the Boys' Festival on May 5, to wish health, success and prosperity to the nation's boyhood*

## TOUR No. 109

### QUICK TRIP, YOKOHAMA—KOBE (3 days).

- 1st Day—Arrive Yokohama a.m. Morning automobile drive to Kamakura visiting the Daibutsu thence back via Yokohama to Tokyo. Afternoon automobile drive in Tokyo visiting the principal points of interest. Leave Tokyo p.m.
- 2nd Day—Arrive Kyoto a.m. Morning sightseeing by automobile in Kyoto visiting principal points of interest. Leave Kyoto by automobile for Nara immediately after luncheon. Visit the Deer Park and continue to Osaka for early dinner, thence to Kobe.
- 3rd Day—In Kobe. Morning automobile drive to Mt. Rokko (3000 ft.), continuing to Takarazuka where the Japanese opera will be seen, thence direct to steamer.



*Ikebana*, the art of Flower Arrangement. This latter is very popular and is practised by all classes.

*Bonsai*, the art of rearing dwarf trees in pots.

*Bonkei*, the art of producing a miniature landscape on a tray.

*Arts of Japan.*

# EXTENSION TOURS

*The following short tours are intended to be taken in combination with the previously shewn main tours, though they may, of course, be used separately if required. They carry the visitor a little off the beaten tracks, but in most cases good foreign hotels can be utilised. Where Japanese inns are necessary this is shewn.*

*A Courier Guide, to accompany passengers and make all arrangements with Japanese Hotels etc., is recommended, especially for Tours 111, 113 11½, and 115. Such guides may be engaged through Cook's and Wagons-Lits Offices, who will be pleased to undertake all arrangements for the tours and to quote fully inclusive fares.*

## EXTENSION TOUR No. 110

### NIKKO—KARUIZAWA—KAMIKOCHI—KOBE, OR VICE VERSA.

(Summer only)

- 1st Day—Leave Nikko a.m. by train. Arrive Omiya p.m.  
Leave Omiya p.m. Arrive Karuizawa p.m.
- 2nd Day—In Karuizawa. A private automobile will be provided for a drive to the foot of Mt. Asama (active volcano), allowing a climb to the top if desired.
- 3rd Day—Leave Karuizawa a.m. by train. (Change at Shinonoi). Arrive Matsumoto p.m. Thence by automobile alongside the Azusa River. Arrive Kamikochi.
- 4th Day—In Kamikochi. At leisure.
- 5th Day—Leave Kamikochi by automobile to Matsumoto.  
Leave Matsumoto p.m. by train. Arrive Nagoya p.m.  
Leave Nagoya p.m. Arrive Kobe p.m. (or arrive Yokohama a.m. on 6th day).

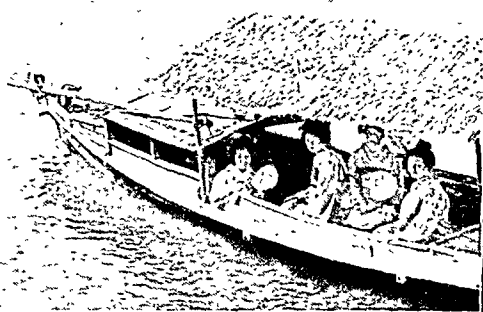


## EXTENSION TOUR No. 111

### NIKKO—MATSUSHIMA—LAKE TOWADA— HOKKAIDO ISLAND—TOKYO.

(Summer only)

- 1st Day—Leave Nikko a.m. by train via Utsunomiya.  
Arrive Matsushima a.m.
- 2nd Day—In Matsushima, one of the "Scenic Trio."
- 3rd Day—Leave Matsushima a.m. by train. Arrive Furumaki p.m.  
Leave Furumaki by automobile. Arrive Lake Towada (Japanese Inn).
- 4th Day—At Lake Towada, Japan's most beautiful lake.
- 5th Day—Leave Lake Towada by automobile. Arrive Furumaki.  
Leave Furumaki p.m. by train. Arrive Aomori p.m.  
Leave Aomori p.m. by steamer. Arrive Hakodate p.m. Stay overnight at Yunokawa Hot Springs (Japanese Hotel).
- 6th Day—Leave Hakodate a.m. by train.  
Arrive Lake Onuma a.m. Take excursion boat on Lake and stay overnight at Japanese Hotel.
- 7th Day—Leave Onuma a.m. by train via Otaru.  
Arrive Sapporo p.m. Stay overnight at Japanese Hotel.
- 8th Day—Leave Sapporo by rail or automobile for Jozankei, one of the most popular Spas in Hokkaido Island.  
Return to Sapporo in evening.
- 9th Day—Morning drive in Sapporo, the largest industrial city in Hokkaido.  
Leave Sapporo a.m. by train. Arrive Iwamizawa a.m.  
Leave Iwamizawa p.m. Arrive Shiraoi p.m. Visit famous Ainu Village.  
Leave Shiraoi p.m. by train. Arrive Noboribetsu p.m.  
Leave Noboribetsu p.m. by electric railway. Arrive Noboribetsu Spa p.m. Stay overnight at Japanese Hotel.
- 10th Day—In Noboribetsu. Visit famous Hot Springs, one of the great natural wonders of Hokkaido.
- 11th Day—Leave Noboribetsu a.m. by train. Arrive Hakodate p.m.  
Leave Hakodate p.m. by boat. Arrive Aomori p.m.  
Leave Aomori late p.m. by through train.
- 12th Day—Arrive Tokyo (Ueno) p.m.



*The world famous Torii at Miyajima*

## EXTENSION TOUR No. 112

### KOBE—BEPPU—MIYAJIMA—KOBE (6 days).

- 1st Day—Leave Kobe p.m. by O.S.K. Inland Sea steamer.
- 2nd Day—Arrive Beppu p.m.
- 3rd Day—In Beppu. In the morning an automobile drive will be provided to the Hot Springs. The afternoon is at leisure.
- 4th Day—Leave Beppu a.m. by steamer. Arrive Miyajima p.m.
- 5th Day—In Miyajima. In the morning a trip by motor launch round the sacred island will be provided.
- 6th Day—Leave Miyajima p.m. by rail.  
Arrive Kobe (Sannomiya) p.m. (or arrive Shimonoseki p.m.).

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*NOTE.—This tour is most suitable for viewing the Inland Sea. Special steamers being on the run from Kobe to Beppu (a famous hot spring resort).*

## EXTENSION TOUR No. 113

### GIFU—NAGOYA—SHRINES OF ISE—KAMAGORI

(4 days).

- 1st Day—Leave Gifu a.m. by train.  
Arrive Nagoya a.m. In the afternoon an automobile drive will be provided, visiting Nagoya Castle and points of interest in the City.
- 2nd Day—Leave Nagoya by automobile.  
Arrive Yamada. A visit to the shrines of Ise will be made in the afternoon.
- 3rd Day—Leave Yamada in the evening by automobile visiting Futami-no-Ura (the Wedded Rocks).  
Arrive Toba and visit the Pearl Fisheries.  
Leave Toba p.m. by steamer. Arrive Kamagori p.m.
- 4th Day—Leave Kamagori a.m. (for Miyanoshita).

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*NOTE. At Yamada there is a semi-foreign hotel, while at Futami and Toba there are good Japanese hotels.*

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## EXTENSION TOUR No. 114

### KOBE—BEPPU—MT. ASO—UNZEN—NAGASAKI

(5 days).

- 1st Day—Leave Kobe p.m. by steamer.
- 2nd Day—Arrive Beppu p.m. In the afternoon visit the hot springs by automobile.
- 3rd Day—Leave Beppu a.m. by train.  
Arrive Bochu a.m. Automobile up Mt. Aso, thence on foot to the crater (4582 ft.), which is active. The original crater is the largest in the world and in its bowl live a large number of people. Return to Bochu.  
Leave Bochu p.m. by train. Arrive Misumi p.m.  
Leave Misumi p.m. Arrive Shimabara p.m.  
Leave Shimabara by automobile. Arrive Unzen.
- 4th Day—In Unzen. At leisure.
- 5th Day—Leave Unzen by automobile. Arrive Nagasaki.  
An extra day should be spent at a Japanese Hotel near Mt. Aso, when time permits.  
Thence to Shanghai, Kobe or Moji, etc.

## EXTENSION TOUR No. 115

### KOBE—KATSUURA AND DORO GORGE, RETURNING TO KOBE (4 days).

1st Day—Leave Kobe p.m. by steamer.

2nd Day—Arrive Katsuura a.m. Motor boat to Koshinoyu Hot Spring Inn for lunch, thence to Nachi Waterfall and Nachi station.

Leave Nachi p.m. by train.

Arrive Shingu p.m. (Japanese Inn).

3rd Day—Leave Shingu a.m. by propeller boat.

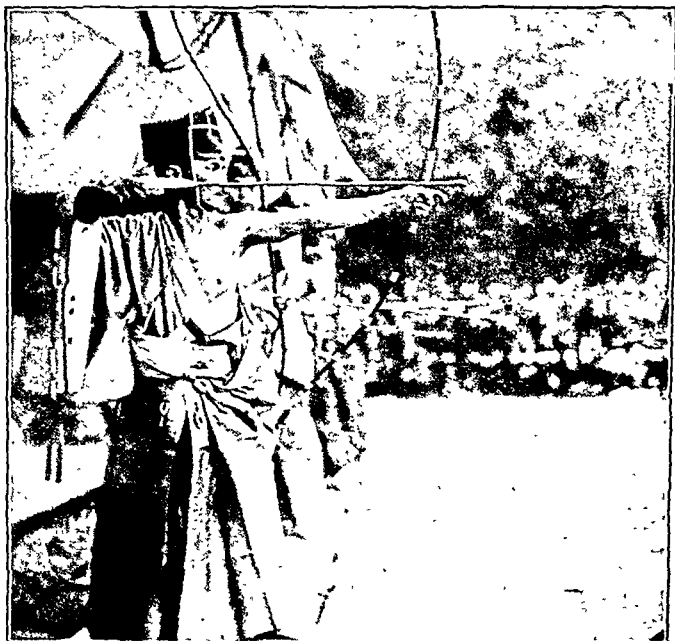
Arrive Doro a.m. Lunch at Hotel.

Leave Doro p.m. by propeller boat.

Arrive Shingu p.m. Leave Shingu p.m. by train.

Arrive Katsuura p.m. Leave Katsuura p.m. by steamer.

4th Day—Arrive Kobe a.m.



*Japanese archery. Calmness and complete control of mind and body are considered of greater importance than accuracy in shooting*

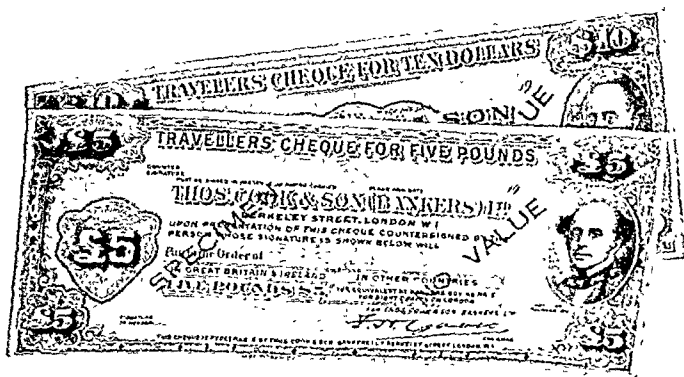
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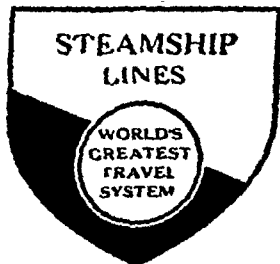
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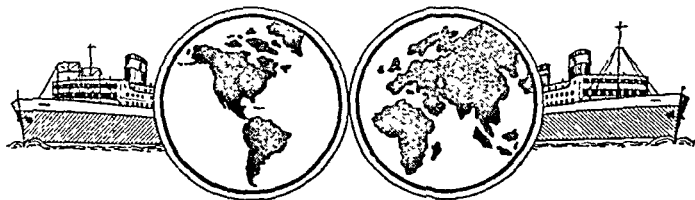
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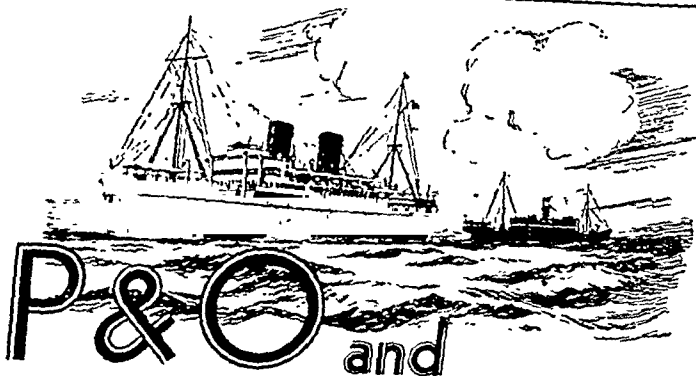
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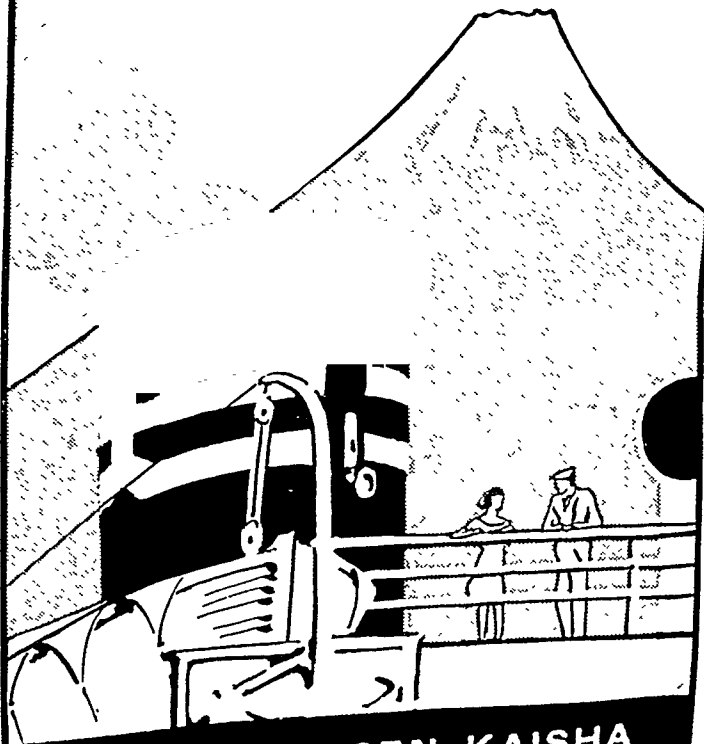
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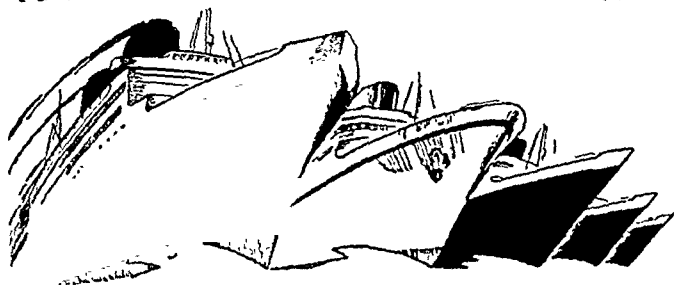
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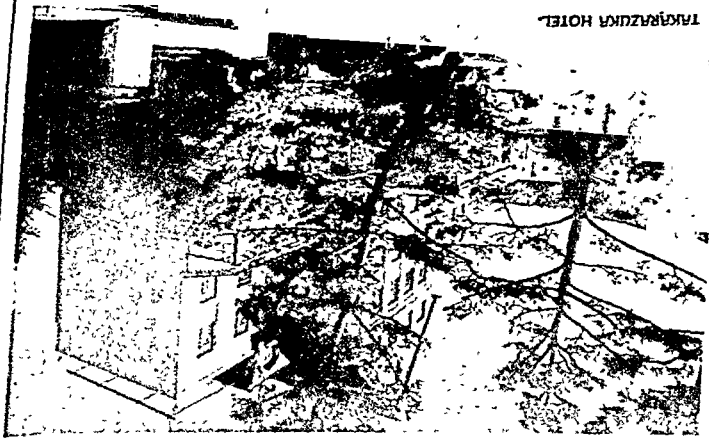
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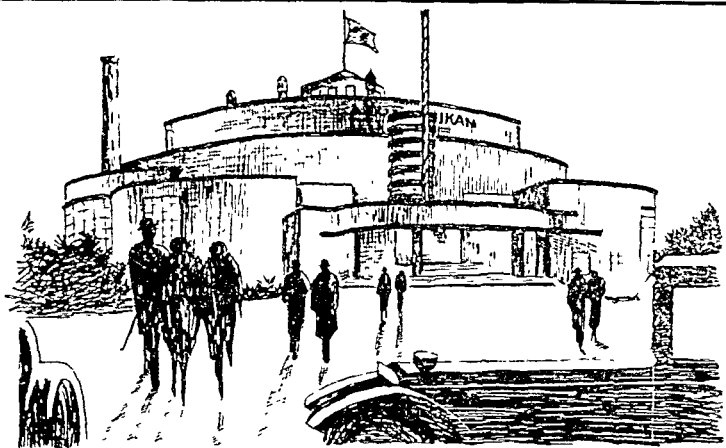
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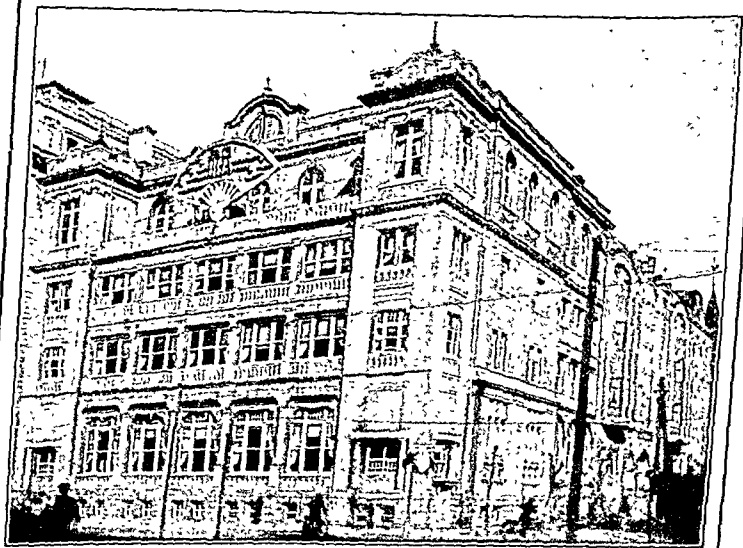
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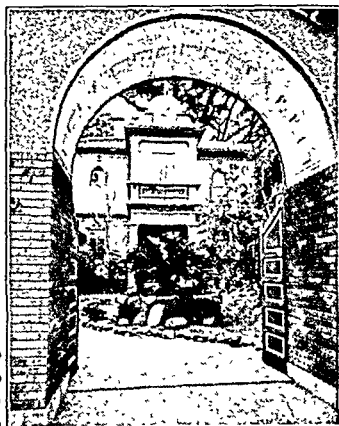
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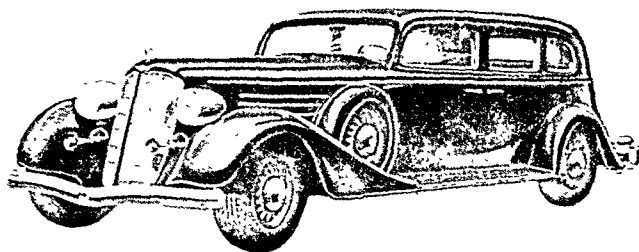
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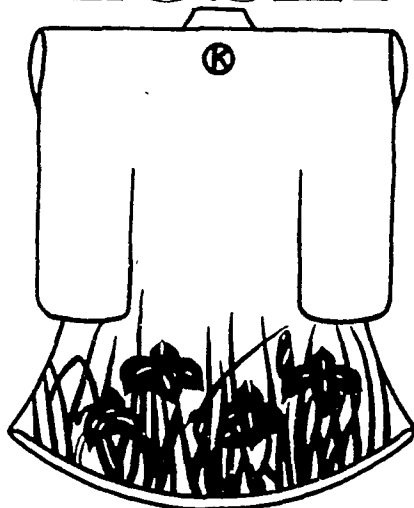
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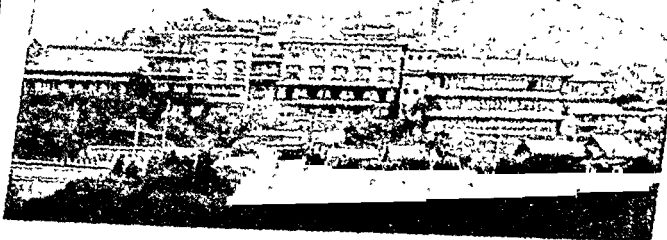
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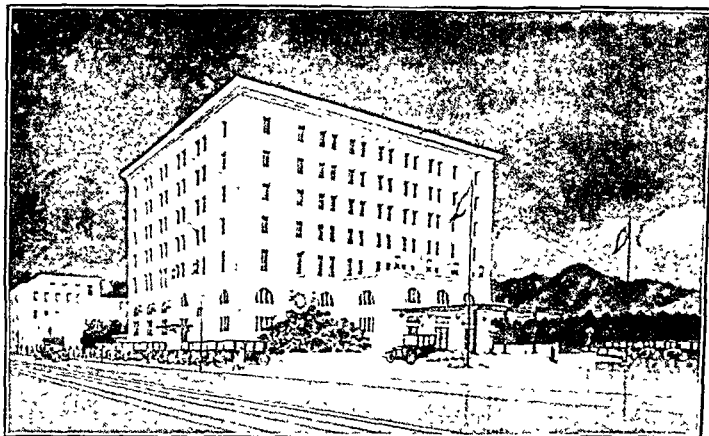
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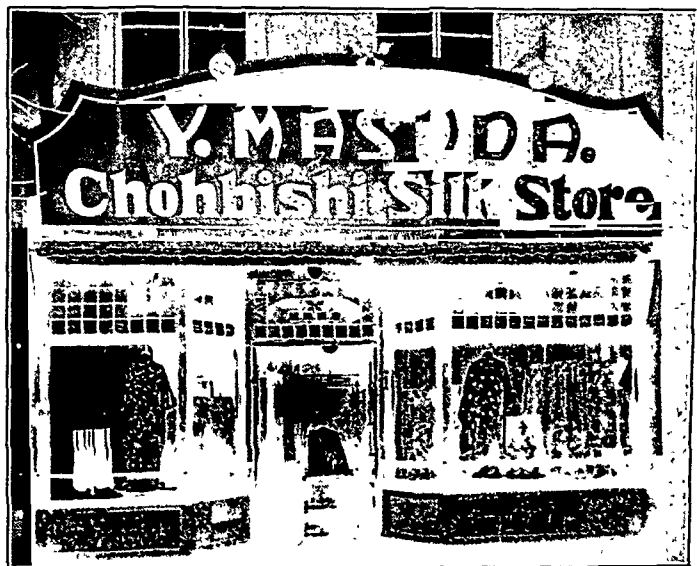
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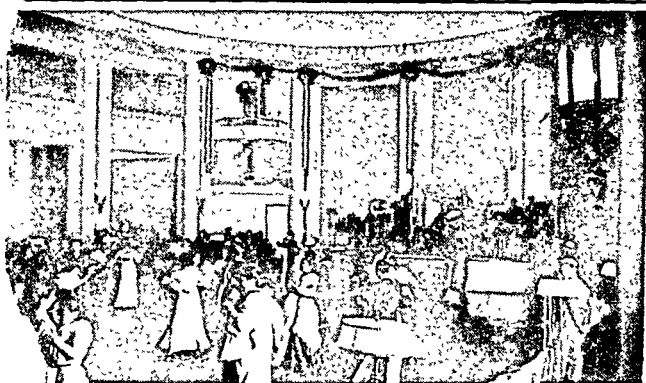
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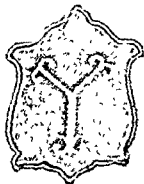
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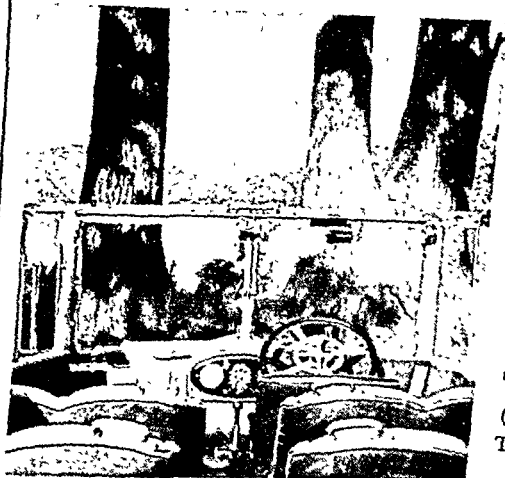
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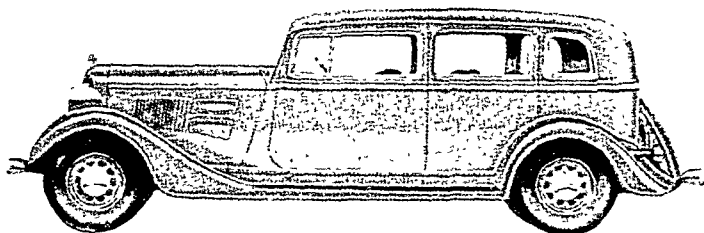
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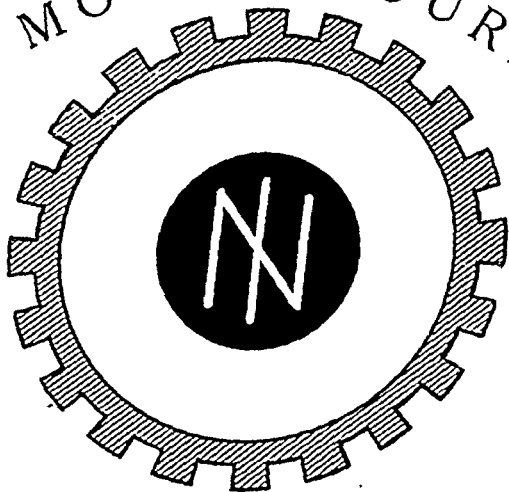
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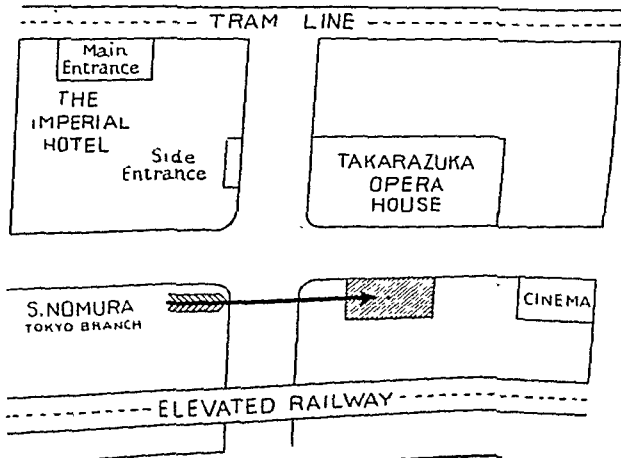
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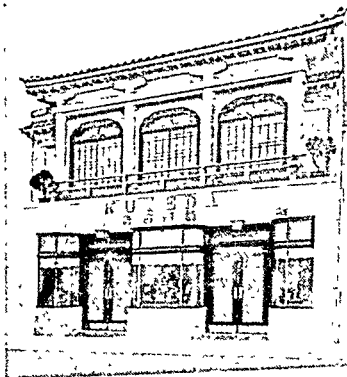


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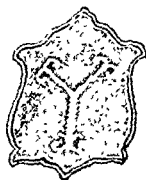
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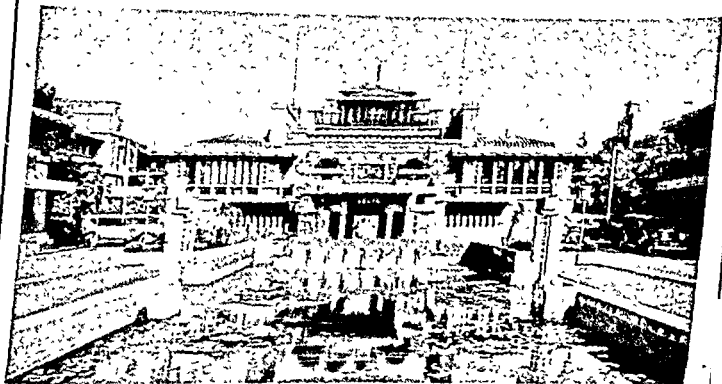
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Many attractive excursions can be made from Yokohama, the most popular being to Kamakura, Enoshima, Miyanoshita and Tokyo. A scenic drive can be taken to the Miura Peninsula, or to Hachioji, a centre of the Silk Industry.



*Enoshima*

Useful information regarding automobile excursions from Yokohama will be found in Cook's leaflet "Short Motor trips" issued gratis.

## KAMAKURA

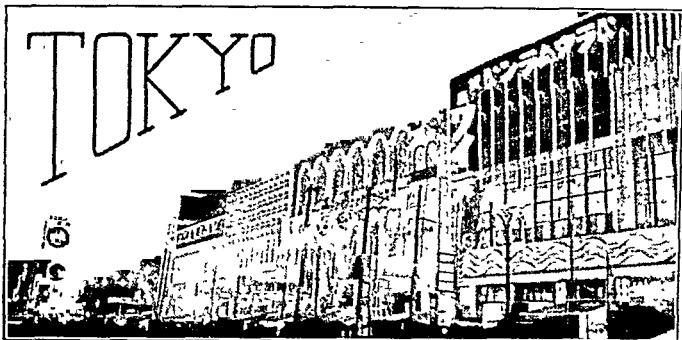
A delightful automobile excursion from Yokohama, taking about two hours, can be made to Kamakura. Various roads can be taken, all passing through districts full of scenic interest.

Kamakura, 700 years ago the capital of eastern Japan, is situated on the Pacific Coast, 14 miles from Yokohama and 32 miles from Tokyo. Kamakura is famous for its superb bronze



*Daibutsu, Kamakura*

"Daibutsu" or Great Buddha, the most impressive image of its kind in the world, for its sea breezes and sea bathing, and for the many historic temples and monuments which abound in the district. An excursion to Enoshima or "Picture Island" is recommended when time permits. There is a good hotel at Kamakura, situated close to the bathing beach. Zushi, a popular seaside resort near Kamakura, also has a comfortable hotel. A new summer resort, with an excellent hotel, is being planned at Fujisawa.

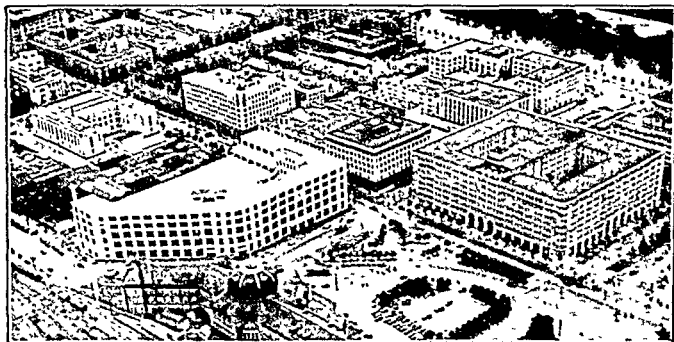


*The Ginza—Tokyo's Fifth Avenue*

A four hour excursion can be made to Tokyo, eighteen miles from Yokohama. There is a frequent service by Electric Railway from Sakuragicho Station to Tokyo, the journey occupying 44 minutes. A new road has been constructed recently making the trip by automobile an easy journey of one hour's duration in each direction. Two hours may be spent sightseeing. Amongst the places of interest to be seen are the various parks, shrines, the exterior of the Imperial Palace, the "Ginza" (Shopping district) and Theatre Street.

Tokyo proper had a population of 2,070,529 in 1930. The inclusion of 82 bordering towns and villages within the Tokyo municipal area on October 1st, 1932, has given Greater Tokyo a population of 4,970,839 making the Japanese Capital the third largest metropolis in the world.

There are many wide streets and fine modern buildings in Tokyo. It is a thoroughly progressive city and a worthy capital of a great Empire. The Imperial Palace surrounded by old stone



*An aerial view of the business centre of Tokyo*



walls topped with fantastic pine trees and an ancient moat stands peacefully and majestically in the very centre of the modern city with its hustling life. This is but one instance of the contrast between the civilisation evolved during 2,600 years, and the modern civilisation recently transplanted from the West. The juxtaposition of these two civilisations is a feature of great interest to every foreign visitor to Japan.

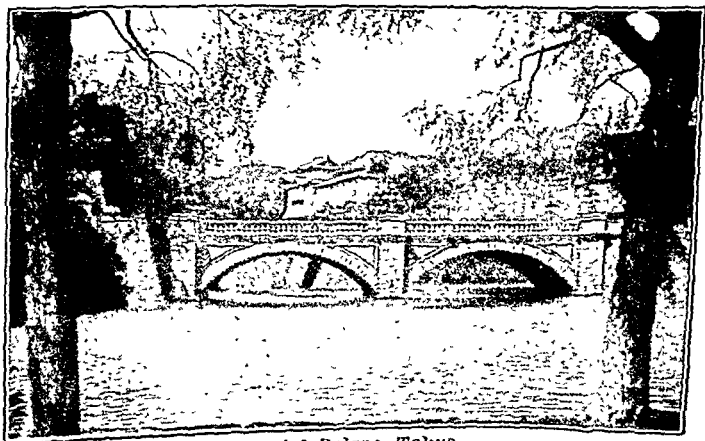
Tokyo possesses many fine parks and open spaces and picturesque temples. There are museums of science and art, and interesting fine-art exhibitions are frequently held. Ueno Park is famous for its Cherry Blossoms in April, whilst Asakusa Park, the "Coney Island" of Tokyo is a popular amusement quarter.

There are some fine theatres in Tokyo where Japanese plays and geisha dances may be witnessed under comfortable conditions. Interesting lectures on the art of flower arrangement and the Tea Ceremony can be attended by tourists under our auspices, and tourists are welcomed to cinematograph lectures on the production of cultured pearls.

There are several good hotels in Tokyo, the Imperial, one of the most interesting hotels in the world; a comfortable hotel at Tokyo Station, and others in the city and suburbs.

Tokyo is intersected by a network of electrified railway lines. There is an excellent subway connecting the Ginza with Ueno and Asakusa Stations. Electric trams and motorbuses connect all parts of the city and taxis can be hired at reasonable cost. There are several large and up-to-date Department Stores and many excellent shops in Tokyo.

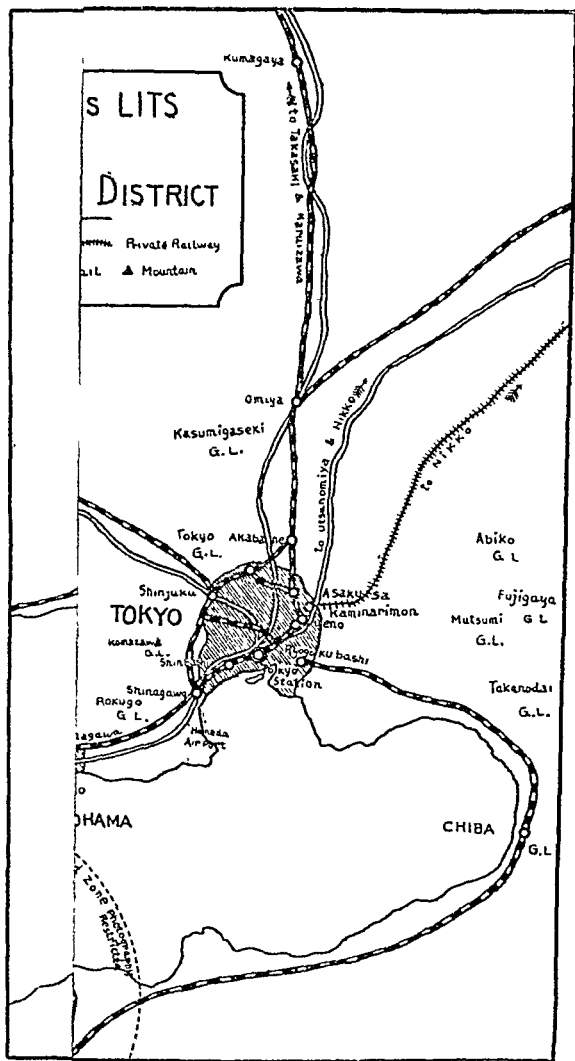
Several days can be spent in visiting the many places of interest in the city and suburbs, and extended motor tours can be made to all parts of the surrounding district.



*Imperial Palace, Tokyo*

## DISTRICT

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# NIKKO

Nikko is the queen of tourist resorts in Japan. The beauty of the place is proverbial, nature and art being in competition, so to speak, and producing effects too exquisite for word or brush. It is little wonder that it now enjoys an international reputation as a pleasure resort.



*Cryptomeria Avenue, Nikko*

Nikko is situated 2,000 ft. above sea-level, 91 miles North of Tokyo. As the temperature rarely exceeds 80° F. even in mid-summer, Nikko offers an excellent summer retreat; in spring the country-side is bright with many-coloured azalea flowers, and it is superb in autumn when the foliage of deciduous trees and shrubs converts the mountain sides into tapestries of gorgeous hues.

Ice-skating can be enjoyed in winter on the Kanaya Hotel Rink. A new skating rink, the largest in the Orient, has just been opened, three miles from Nikko.

The temples of Nikko are magnificent. Richly carved and lacquered, they stand majestically in a superb setting of giant cryptomeria trees. No finer setting could be imagined than that provided by nature to impart to the temple precincts the atmosphere of peace which pervades the sacred scene.

The mountain district around Nikko has many beautiful waterfalls, the best known being the famous Kegon Fall,



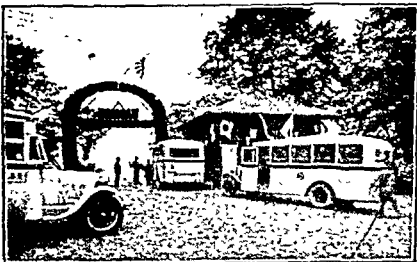
*Sacred Bridge at Nikko*

below Lake Chuzenji. The lake is situated at an altitude of 4,194 feet and is a popular summer resort. Chuzenji may be reached by automobile or by motor bus and cable car.



*Kegon Fall, Chuzenji*

Another beautiful lake, Yumoto (5088 ft.) is situated above Chuzenji. There are natural sulphur springs at Yumoto. Above Yumoto towers the Konsei Pass at an elevation of more than 7000 feet, inviting walking expeditions into the beautiful country beyond.

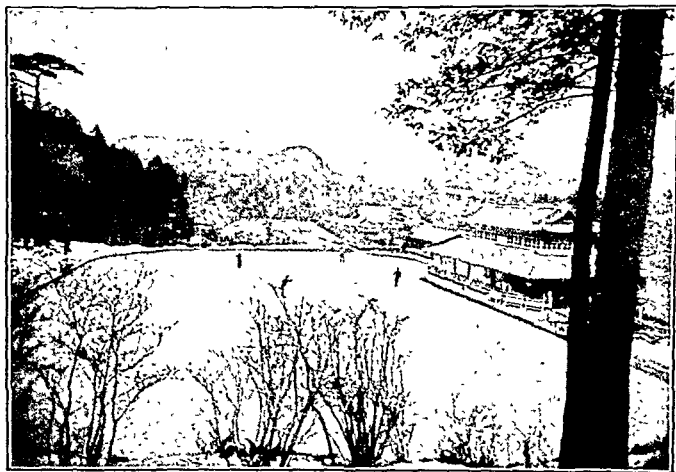


*Motor-buses at Nikko*

In the mountains of the Nikko district the finest trout fishing in Japan may be enjoyed in season.

An interesting excursion may be made from Nikko by motor car through the famous Cryptomeria Avenue to Imaichi or to some more distant station where train can be taken for Tokyo. The drive may be continued from Imaichi to Kinugawa Spa, where there is a good semi-European hotel provided with natural hot water.

A motor car drive from Nikko to Shiobara, one of the most noted mountain spas, is especially recommended during October on account of the beautiful autumnal foliage.



*Skating Rink in the Kanaya Hotel Garden*

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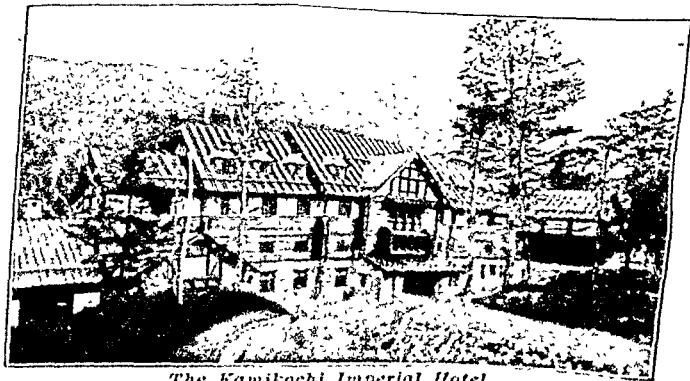


*Near Kamikochi*

Kamikochi Valley, situated at an elevation of 5,000 feet, in the heart of the Japanese Alps, is justly famed as the most beautiful valley in Japan. Kamikochi is reached by automobile from Matsumoto station, on the Central Line, in approximately two hours.

The Kamikochi Imperial Hotel offers excellent accommodation for visitors, ranging from suites with private bathrooms to modest dormitory accommodation. Built in picturesque log-cabin style, the hotel is perfectly suited to the unrivalled mountain scenery among which it is set.

On account of the high elevation Kamikochi enjoys an ideal summer climate, the temperature rarely exceeding 60° Fahrenheit. Summer visitors may enjoy strenuous mountaineering expeditions or easier rambles amid scenery unsurpassed in natural beauty—snow-clad peaks mirrored in crystal lakes glimpsed through the delicate tracery of silver birch trees and stately pine trees standing sentinel by the banks of a swiftly-flowing stream filled with clear ice-cold water from the alpine snows.



*The Kamikochi Imperial Hotel*

The lofty peaks of Yarigatake (10,490 feet) and Hotaka 10,197 feet) defy all but experienced mountaineers, but a climb to the summit of Yakedake is comparatively easy. Vapour rising from a number of fumaroles near the summit give to Yakedake the appearance of a burning mountain, from which, in fact, its name is derived.

Yakedake, the only active volcano in the Northern Alps, erupted in 1915; the overflow of lava, damming the river, turned a small area of forest covered with birches into a lake, named Lake Taisho. The skeletons of trees rising out of the water impart a ghostly appearance to a scene immortalised by many artists.

A four-mile walk, along woodland paths bordered by a profusion of alpine flowers, brings the visitor to Lake Myojin, exquisite and fairylike, the centre of three beautiful lakes peacefully cradled side by side amid the deep stillness of the woods at the head of the valley.

Many easy and pleasant excursions may be made to places in the neighbourhood, which abounds in hot springs. The nearest of these, Kamikochi Spa, is close to the Hotel.



*A Scene in the Alps*



*Climbers negotiating a mountain ridge*

## KARUIZAWA

Karuizawa, noted for its invigorating climate and scenery, is a favourite summer resort for Japan residents. Tennis, golf, baseball and other games are an outstanding feature of this resort, which was founded by missionaries several years ago, and now attracts many Japanese and foreign visitors.

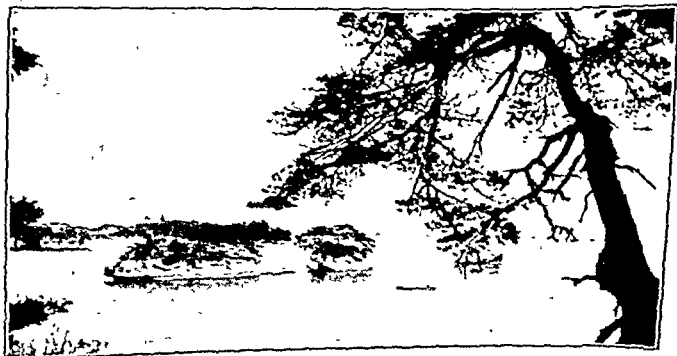
Mount Asama, the largest active volcano on the Main Island of Japan, is easily accessible from Karuizawa. Karuizawa, though situated at an altitude of 3156 feet, can be reached by railway directly from Tokyo and from other parts of Japan. In addition to three hotels there is an attractive summer camp consisting of comfortable bungalows and a common dining-room, known as the New Grand Lodge, operated by the Hotel New Grand, of Yokohama.

## IKAO SPA

Ikao at an altitude of 2,500 feet is situated near Karuizawa and reached by rail and electric tram from Tokyo in about four hours. There is a foreign-style hotel at Ikao, and beautiful mountain scenery, which make it a popular summer resort. Skating and skiing may be enjoyed in winter at Lake Haruna, near Ikao.

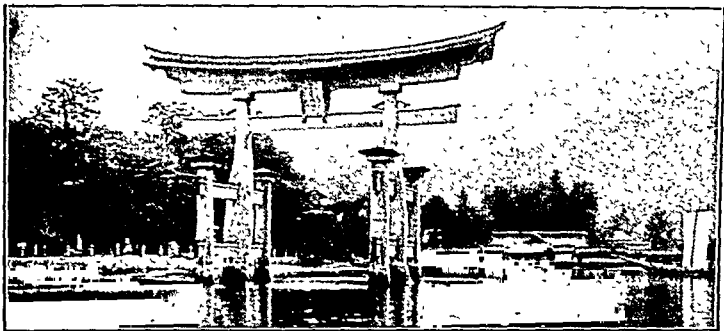
## MATSUSHIMA

Matsushima ("Pine Islands") so named from the hundreds of pine-clad isles in Matsushima Bay, on which it is situated, is one of the "Scenic Trio of Japan." The Park Hotel is open in summer only, usually from April to October. Matsushima, though somewhat off the beaten tourist track, is well worth a visit by those who have time to spare, especially in the summer season when boating and sea-bathing can be enjoyed.



*Matsushima*





*Famous Torii at Miyajima*

Westwards from Kobe the main railway line runs close to the shores of the incomparable Inland Sea. A little over half-way between Kobe and Shimonoseki is Miyajima the most accessible and popular of Japan's "Scenic Trio." The beauty of Miyajima is proverbial.

MIYAJIMA is a sacred island about 19 miles in circumference, noted for its shrine which is built on supports running into the sea, so that the sacred structure appears to float at high tide. Out-to sea, over 500 feet from the shore stands the famous wave-washed Torii or gateway to the shrine. The Torii, lacquered in red, with its graceful lines, has been immortalised by artists to such an extent that, like the peerless Mountain Fujiyama, it has become symbolical of Japanese landscape beauty.

Miyajima is a favourite resort for bathing and boating in summer. In late October or early November Momijidani, or Maple Valley, is magnificent in its autumn colouring.

BEPPU, the best-known Spa in Japan, on the East Coast of Kyushu Island can be reached from Kobe in seventeen hours by rapid and comfortable steamers, with excellent sleeping accommodation. Some vessels have private glassed-in verandahs, which enable travellers to enjoy superb views of the Inland Sea in all weathers.

There are innumerable hot-springs and solfataras in and around Beppu. In warm weather many people may be seen lying on the sea shore half buried in sand, enjoying the benefits of the many hot-springs which percolate through the sand.

Pleasant motor car excursions may be made from Beppu to Yufuin summer resort, the Usa Hachiman Shrine and the scenic Yabakei Valley.

EN ROUTE TO BEPPU the steamer calls at Takamatsu and Takahama in the Island of Shikoku. Ritsurin Park, one of the



Mt. Aso, an active volcano on Kyushu Island is well worth a visit. A motor road runs to the summit and there is an excellent bus service.

Ao-no-domon, one of the most beautiful spots along the Yabakei valley near Bep-pu Spa. Yabakei is noted for its fantastic rocky heights and its vegetation.

Unzen Golf Course, just outside the summer resort town of Unzen is one of the prettiest in the world.



best-known examples of Japanese landscape gardening, is located at Takamatsu. Takahama is the port for Dogo, a pleasant hot spring resort.

FROM BEPPU TO MIYAJIMA steamer can be taken across the Inland Sea, the whole journey being made by day.

SHIMONOSEKI is the Western Terminus of the main railway-line in Japan. From here comfortable ferry steamers operated by the Japanese Government Railways cross the Straits to Fusan in Korea in about eight hours. A fifteen minute crossing from Shimonoseki by another railway ferry brings the traveller to Moji, the Northern Terminus of the Japanese Government Railways in Kyushu Island, whence train can be taken to Nagasaki, Beppu, etc.

TRAVEL BY RAIL ACROSS KYUSHU from Beppu to Nagasaki is becoming increasingly popular. Passengers should stop over en route at Bochu, situated within the old crater of Mount Aso, from which point a car can be taken close to the summit of this active volcano, whose original crater is the largest in the world. Continuing by railway from Bochu or Tateno travellers change at Kumamoto, continuing on a branch line to Misumi whence steamer is taken to Shimabara. From Shimabara a picturesque drive by motor car brings the traveller to Unzen in about one hour.

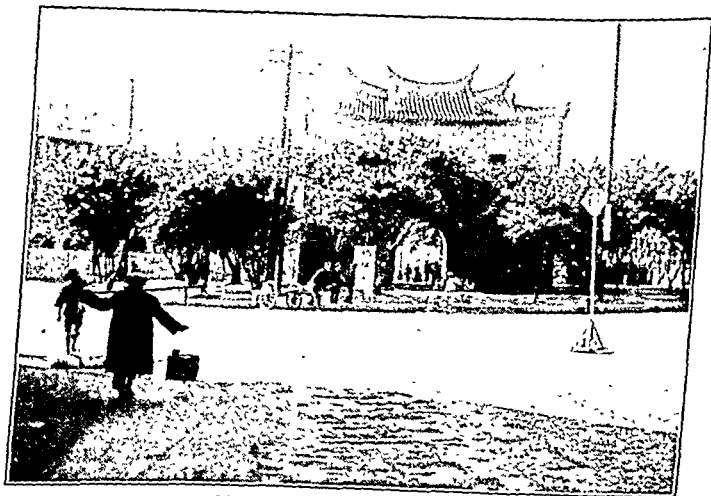
UNZEN, situated at an elevation of 2,400 feet above sea level, enjoys immense popularity as a summer resort for residents of Shanghai and other Far Eastern cities. There are several small but comfortable hotels at Unzen. The glorious mountain scenery and bracing climate makes Unzen an ideal resort for the summer holidays. There is a good nine-hole golf course, and any number of delightful mountain walks. Several sulphur springs supply natural hot water to the hotels.

Unzen is reached in about two hours by automobile from Nagasaki or in a little over one hour from Isahaya on the main line between Nagasaki and Moji.

KATSUSA is a pleasant bathing resort on the coast below Unzen about three hours' automobile drive from Nagasaki. There is a small but comfortable hotel at Katsusa with a private bathing beach and tennis court.

NAGASAKI enjoys the distinction of being the first port in Japan to be opened to foreign trading. It is an important coaling station and has one of the largest shipbuilding yards in Japan. Nagasaki is full of historic interest and is a popular shopping centre for visitors from abroad, tortoise-shell ware being one of the chief products.

KARATSU, in North Western Kyushu, is reached by rail from Nagasaki or Moji. It is also served by the North Kyushu Electric Line. Nijinomatsubara at Karatsu is noted for its five-mile stretch of sandy beach covered with fantastically-shaped pine trees. There is a small seaside hotel in the middle of the pine grove, which is popular with summer visitors.



*The North Gate, Taihoku*

## TAIWAN

Taiwan (Formosa) can be reached in 4 days by steamer from Kobe to Keelung. The service is maintained thrice weekly by excellent ships of the Kinkai Yusen Kaisha and Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

Taihoku, the capital of Taiwan, is 18 miles by rail from Keelung. The Taiwan Railway Hotel offers good accommodation for tourists. Taihoku is a fine city consisting of regular streets lined with substantial buildings. There are several places of interest in and near the city including the Museum, Botanical Garden, Central Research Institute, the Market and the Taiwan Shrine.

Hokuto Hot Springs are about 7 miles from Taihoku by rail or automobile. Tansui is a small prettily situated port 13 miles from Taihoku.

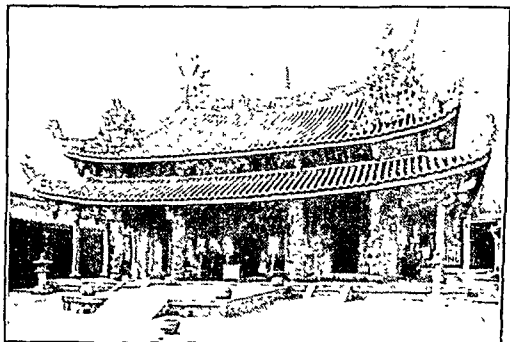
Taiwan is well served by the Government Railways and many interesting trips into the interior of the semi-tropical island may be made by railway, motor car and by push-car, a peculiar form of conveyance found in the mountain regions.

The East Coast motor road skirting steep cliffs which rise in places to a height of 6,000 feet, and the Marble Canyon some fifteen miles inland from this scenic highway, deserve to rank among the wonders of the world.

Taiwan has many camphor-distilleries and tea plantations. It is also famous for sugar production. Rice is abundantly grown in the island.

The aborigines of Taiwan are an interesting race dwelling mostly in the wild mountains of the interior.

The mountains are clothed in virgin forest and the scenery is superb. Mount Niitaka (13,000 feet) near the centre of the island is the



*A Temple in Taihoku*

highest in the Japanese Empire. Mount Arisan is a popular tourist resort.

The Tropic of Cancer line passes through the centre of the island.

Takao in the south is a busy port exporting rice and sugar. There are steamship services between Takao and Hongkong, between Keelung and Hongkong, as well as sailings connecting Keelung with Shanghai, Dairen, etc.



*The East Coast motor road*

## KOREA (CHOSEN) AND MANCHUKUO

Korea, renamed by the Japanese Chosen, is a large peninsula in the East of the Continent of Asia. Historically Korea dates back to the 12th Century B.C. when a great Chinese Prince became ruler of the country. Korea became a Japanese Protectorate after the Russo-Japanese War and in 1910 was formally annexed to Japan, under whose rule considerable progress has been made.

Chosen has a population of 19,519,000. The country enjoys a healthy climate and a fertile soil. The streams teem with edible fish and the mountains are rich in minerals.

The country has a state-owned railway system of some 1,000 miles. The Government Railway system is constantly being extended and in time a network of lines will cover the country.

Keijo (Seoul) is situated approximately in the centre and near the Western Coast of the Korean Peninsula. The city has a cosmopolitan population of 342,000 chiefly Koreans, Japanese and Chinese.

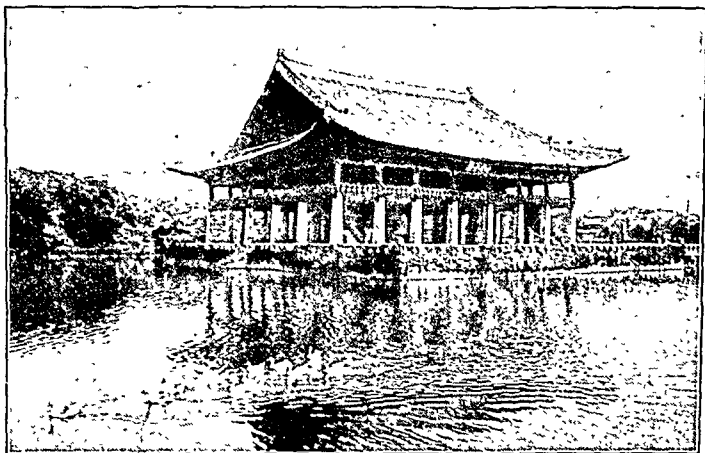
Seoul is one of the most picturesque cities of Eastern Asia, surrounded by rugged hills and an ancient wall. Seoul affords the visitor a quaint mixture of ancient lethargy and modern efficiency. The city besides being the home of a very distinctive mediaeval culture is the centre of the present-day finance, commerce and industry in Chosen.

There is an excellent hotel at Keijo (Seoul). Comfortable hotel accommodation in foreign style is also available at Fusan, Heijo (Pyengyang), Shingishu (Antung) and in the Diamond Mountains.

There are fine hotels in Manchukuo at Mukden, Dairen, Changchun (Hsinking) and at Harbin. Space precludes a detailed description of Manchukuo but with its natural wealth, fine scenery and historical associations, this vast territory is sure to attract tourists in far greater numbers as soon as political conditions become more settled.



*Korean Kiseng Dancer*



*"Banquet Hall" in Keifuku Palace; Keijo.*

## PEIPING

In Peiping, the most fascinating historical city of ancient China, the visitor can witness native life quite undisturbed by foreign influence, and at the same time enjoy the comfort and luxury of good hotels under Occidental management.

There is an "atmosphere" and indefinable charm about Peiping which cannot be captured elsewhere in China. The scope of this publication is too limited to allow us to enthuse upon the glamour and appeal of the ancient Capital, we merely suggest that travellers should visit Peiping and see for themselves the many interesting sights of the city and its surroundings.

Who has not desired to stand upon the Great Wall of China, to visit the famed Ming Tombs, the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and Summer Palace? The mere mention of these names is sufficient to conjure up visions of romance and of famed historical events enacted many centuries ago. Excursions to these and many other places of absorbing interest are arranged by our Peiping Office under conditions of modern comfort, undreamed of a few years ago.

# FROM JAPAN TO CHINA

Passengers proceeding from Japan to China or beyond should not fail to visit China's fascinating former Capital, Peiping (Peking). This may be done by taking one of the following routes: (1) By rail over "The Overland Route" via Shimonoseki (Government ferry to Fusan) continuing by rail through Chosen (Korea) via Keijo (Seoul) to Mukden, Shanhaikwan and Tientsin; (2) By steamer from Kobe via Moji to Tientsin thence three hours' railway to Peiping; (3) Steamer Kobe to Dairen thence steamer Dairen to Tongku/Tientsin and rail to Peiping (or, passengers may proceed from Dairen by rail via Mukden to Peiping). There is also an excellent air service from Tokyo and Osaka via Chosen to Dairen or Mukden.

Continuing from Peiping to China's principal port, Shanghai, the passenger may travel by rail in through sleeping-cars operated by the Wagons-Lits Company. A break of journey at Nanking is, however, recommended, to see the new Capital in the making. Another route is by rail Peiping to Tientsin/Tongku thence local steamer via Chefoo and Wei-hai-wei to Shanghai. Also there is a tri-weekly aerial service between Peking and Shanghai. Other routes Peiping to Shanghai are by rail via Tsinanfu and Tsingtao thence steamer, or by rail to Hankow and Yangtze River steamer to Shanghai.

Suggested itineraries for any journeys in China and to other parts of the Far East will gladly be furnished by Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd. and Wagons-Lits Co., who will be pleased to supply all tickets for travel by steamer, rail and air services, to reserve hotel accommodation, arrange sightseeing excursions, etc.

Owing to the limited amount of accommodation on coasting steamers between Japan and China and between Tientsin and Shanghai it is advisable for travellers to make their arrangements well in advance. Our travel organisation will be glad to undertake such arrangements for the entire journey, planned so that no anxiety need be felt regarding steamship connections from China onwards.

## IMPORTANT

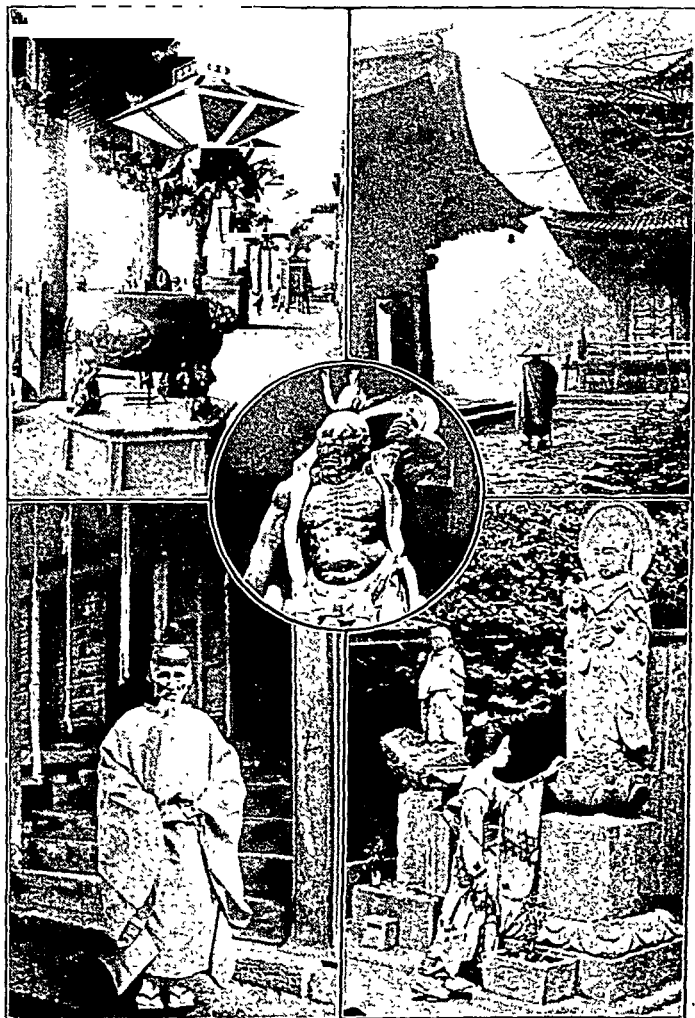
If reservations for journey from China have not been made beforehand, immediate application should be made to one of the following Cook/Wagons-Lits Offices:—

Peiping  
Grand Hotel de Pekin  
Shanghai  
Central Arcade

Harbin  
60 Kitaiskaya

Tientsin  
63, Victoria Road.  
Hong Kong  
Opposite Star Ferry





Upper : Japanese Temples  
 Centre: Demon guarding entrance to temple  
 Lower : Left: Shinto Priest—Right: An offering

# JAPAN





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# Travel Without Trouble

Although everybody is anxious to travel with as little trouble possible, there are, unquestionably, many who prefer to journey by themselves rather than as members of a party. It is for this class of traveller that the I.I.T. method has been devised, a method by which Independent Travel has been shorn of all its worrying details and anxieties; in a word, a method which attains the very acme of "Independent Travel without Trouble."

## What The Method Is

By Inclusive Independent Travel is meant that not only is practically every expenditure necessary to a tour included in the quoted fare, as in the case of our Select Conducted Parties, but that the details for the entire journey are so thoughtfully worked out and arranged beforehand that no more trouble is experienced by the traveller than is incurred in giving orders to his servants at home.

## Inclusive Conducted Tours

Private Parties arranged in charge of a competent Japanese guide at an inclusive charge per day, covering all expenditure necessary for the tour. The rate quoted includes the services of a guide, travel and express tickets, transfers, first class hotel accommodation, meals en route, fees, rickshas, motorcars etc.

## Inclusive Independent Tours

Tours on the Inclusive Independent system can be arranged by Cook's and Wagons-Lits Offices. Such tours include the same items as for Inclusive Conducted Tours with the exception of meals en route and gratuities. Local guides for sightseeing will be included or not included as desired.

## Inclusive Tours by Automobile

Tours by private car over carefully planned itineraries may be arranged at Cook's and Wagons-Lits Offices, and rates quoted include all necessary expenses, such as motor car hire, chauffeur's expenses, cost (if any) to return car to starting point, hotel accommodation, meals, gratuities to chauffeurs and hotel servants, entrance fees to places of interest, cost of shipping heavy baggage to destination or storage pending return, also, as desired, services of local guides or courier guides for the entire journey.

Travellers under the foregoing methods will be able to know in advance the entire cost of any tour with the exception of the

bill for beverages, laundry, or similar charges of a purely personal nature.

The following are extracted from the many letters of appreciation written to us on their departure from Japan by travellers who have visited the country under our inclusive arrangements.

**A Visitor From Australia Writes:—**

*"Before leaving Japan we would like to express our appreciation of the excellent arrangements made for our tour of the country.*

*Our holiday has been most enjoyable, nothing has been overlooked that might tend to make our journey pleasant. Our guide (Mr. ....) has been most efficient and courteous and his extensive knowledge of all places of interest combined with his attention to all our requirements added greatly to the enjoyment of our stay in Japan.*

*We will carry back to Australia a kindly recollection of an excellently conducted tour of this most interesting country with its wonderful scenery."*

**An American Client Says:—**

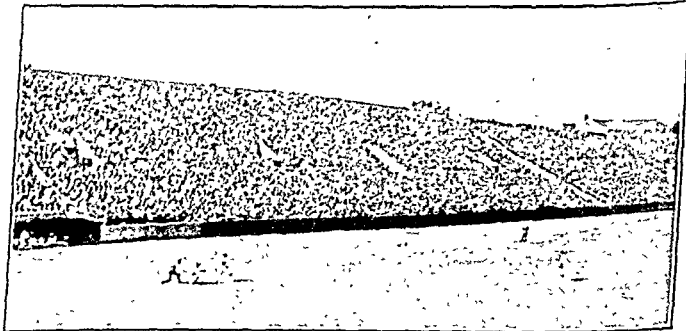
*"Upon concluding our most enjoyable and pleasant tour through Japan, I wish to express appreciation for all the courtesies extended by you and your Company and especially I wish to emphasise my appreciation of the service of Mr. .... His enlightening information on all points of historical interest, knowledge of the country and unceasing attention to our comfort and convenience, in my opinion, distinguish him as an exceptional courier of the highest type. I ..... wish to extend an enthusiastic recommendation for your company and Mr. ...."*

## **Travel Tickets and Hotel Accommodation**

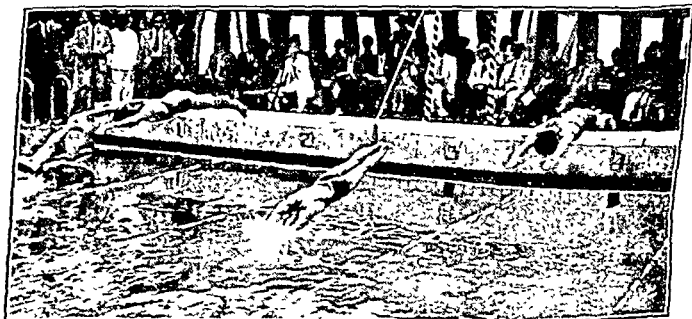
Visitors to Japan not desiring to travel under our inclusive arrangements are strongly recommended to ask our Offices to suggest an itinerary for their tour in Japan to provide travel tickets and to reserve hotel accommodation for the dates given.

During the tourist seasons, when Cruising steamers visit Japan, or when other large parties are travelling through the country, suitable hotel accommodation is usually taxed to the utmost.

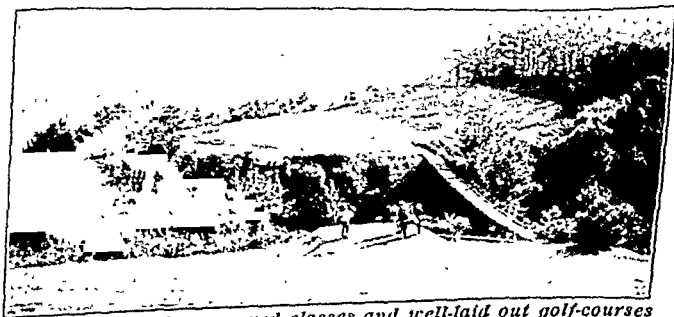
At such times advance reservation is imperative. In order to prevent disappointment to apportion the time at one's disposal to the best advantage and to ensure connection with steamers, etc., when leaving the country it is undoubtedly an advantage to travel as far as possible in accordance with a pre-arranged itinerary.



*Baseball is without a doubt Japan's most popular sport. Crowds flock to see the tournaments arranged by the big Daily papers*



*Japan holds a number of the world's swimming championships. The above is a view of the Miyako Hotel swimming pool at Kyoto*



*Golf appeals to the moneyed classes and well-laid out golf-courses will be found within easy reach of every big town*

# TOURS IN J A P A N

## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

*The following are selected tours which can be arranged by Thos. Cook & Son and have been specially drawn up to fit in with, in certain cases, the arrival and departing days of various steamship lines. You may find the tour you want among these; if not any Cook's Office will be glad to supply itineraries to meet your wishes. It should be noted that no charge is made for itineraries submitted to clients nor for the estimates provided with them.*

*Rates for the itineraries given below are not quoted on account of possible fluctuations in tariffs and moreover it is preferred that our quotations be based on the traveller's individual requirements as regards hotel accommodations, etc. Any of Cook's offices will be able to quote rates for these and any other tours that may be drawn up.*

### TOUR No. 101

#### KOBE TO MUKDEN OR VICE VERSA (8 days).

- 1st Day—Leave Kobe (Sannomiya) a.m. Arrive Miyajima p.m.
- 2nd Day—In Miyajima. Morning excursion by motor launch round the Sacred Island.  
Leave Miyajima p.m. Arrive Shimonoseki p.m.  
Leave Shimonoseki p.m. by ferry steamer.
- 3rd Day—Arrive Fusan a.m. Leave Fusan a.m. Arrive Seoul (Keijo) p.m.
- 4th Day—In Seoul. Morning excursion by automobile visiting points of interest in the city. Afternoon at leisure for shopping.
- 5th Day—In Seoul. Morning excursion by automobile visiting the parks and other points of interest. Afternoon at leisure for shopping.
- 6th Day—Leave Seoul a.m. Arrive Mukden p.m.
- 7th Day—In Mukden. Morning excursion by automobile visiting the old city, etc. Afternoon at leisure.
- 8th Day—Leave Mukden.

KOBE—YOKOHAMA OR VICE VERSA (8 days).

1st Day—Arrive Kobe a.m. Morning drive to Mt. Rokko (3000 ft.) and return. Luncheon provided at a Japanese restaurant in Kobe.

2nd Day—In Kyoto. Morning automobile for sightseeing in the city. Afternoon automobile drive visiting further points of interest in and around Kyoto.

3rd Day—In Kyoto. All day trip to Nara by train or automobile. Visit to the deer park by ricksha before luncheon. Afternoon drive by automobile visiting Horyuji, the oldest temple in Japan, and the gold fish hatchery at Koriyama.  
Leave Kyoto p.m.

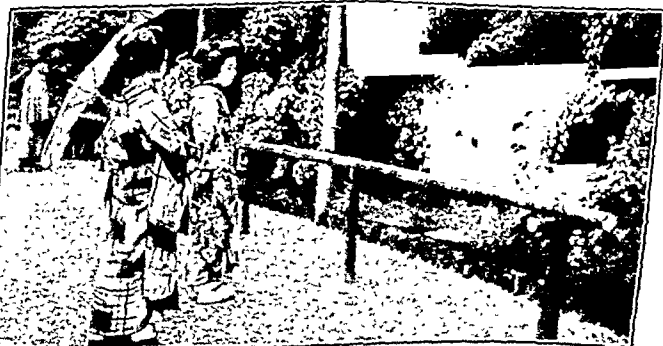
4th day—Arrive Odawara a.m. and proceed by automobile to Miyanoshita. Morning automobile drive to Nagao Toge (Long Tail Pass) for a view of Mt. Fuji—weather permitting.

5th Day—Leave Miyanoshita by automobile for Odawara, thence train to Tokyo. Afternoon automobile drive visiting points of interest in the city.

6th Day—Leave Tokyo a.m. Arrive Nikko a.m. Afternoon the famous Lacquer Bridge, Shrines and temples of Nikko visited on foot.

7th Day—In Nikko. Morning automobile drive to Lake Chuzenji.  
Leave Nikko p.m. Arrive Tokyo p.m.  
Leave Tokyo p.m. Arrive Yokohama p.m.

8th Day—In Yokohama. Morning automobile drive to Kamakura and Enoshima.



*The chrysanthemum is one of the most popular flowers in Japan*





*Fishermen repairing their nets*

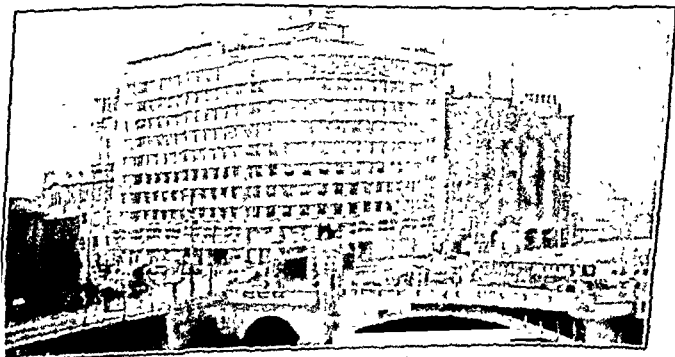
## TOUR No. 103

### KOBE—YOKOHAMA OR VICE VERSA (17 days).

- 1st Day—Arrive Kobe a.m. Morning automobile drive to Mt. Rokko (3000 ft.). Luncheon taken at Japanese restaurant in Kobe. Afternoon automobile drive visiting points of interest in the city.
- 2nd Day—Leave Kobe by automobile for Osaka. After visiting the Castle and viewing the shops and streets, luncheon will be taken at one of the best foreign style restaurants in Japan where, it being at the top of a tall building, an excellent view over the city is afforded. After luncheon, leave Osaka by train or by Daiki Electric Railway for Nara.
- 3rd Day—In Nara. Morning the deer parks and its nearby temples visited by rikisha. Afternoon automobile drive to the goldfish hatcheries of Koriyama and the oldest temple in Japan—Horyuji. Leave Nara p.m. Arrive Kyoto p.m.
- 4th Day—In Kyoto. Morning excursion by boat over the Hodzu Rapids, returning by automobile via Arashiyama, the attractive moss garden of the Kokedera Temple and the Golden Pavilion. Afternoon automobile drive in the city visiting points of interest and the workshops and stores where the works of art for which Kyoto is famed are created and displayed.
- 5th Day—In Kyoto. Morning excursion will be made to Mt. Hiye (2800 ft.) and by aerial car to the Temple of Enryakuji, thence down to Sakamoto, attractively situated on Lake Biwa, and return to Kyoto. Afternoon at leisure for shopping.

Tour No. 103—cont.

- 6th Day—In Kyoto. Morning—rikisha will be provided for further sightseeing in Kyoto. Afternoon at leisure.
- 7th Day—Leave Kyoto by morning express.  
Arrive Numadzu early afternoon and continue by automobile via Lake Hakone to Miyanoshita.
- 8th Day—In Miyanoshita. All day automobile drive passing Nagao Toge (Long Tail Pass) to Lakes Yamanaka and Kawaguchi. Thence to Lake Shoji; a collection of dwarf trees at Hara is visited, the journey being continued via Lake Hakone to Miyanoshita. This trip passes round Mt. Fuji. Luncheon basket is taken.
- 9th Day—In Miyanoshita. At leisure.
- 10th Day—Leave Miyanoshita by automobile to Odawara, thence rail to Tokyo.
- 11th Day—In Tokyo. Morning and afternoon automobile drive visiting the principal points of interest in the city.
- 12th Day—Leave Tokyo a.m. Arrive Nikko a.m. Afternoon the Lacquer Bridge, Temples and Shrines of Nikko visited on foot.
- 13th Day—In Nikko. Morning at leisure. Afternoon automobile drive to Lake Chuzenji.
- 14th Day—In Nikko. At leisure.
- 15th Day—Leave Nikko by automobile through the cryptomeria avenue to Imaichi.  
Leave Imaichi a.m. Arrive Tokyo a.m. Lunch in Tokyo.  
Leave Tokyo p.m. Arrive Yokohama p.m.
- 16th Day—In Yokohama. Morning automobile drive to Kamakura and Enoshima. Afternoon at leisure.
- 17th Day—Arrangements terminate after breakfast in Yokohama.



*The Asahi Building, Osaka*



*A Typical Japanese draper's shop*

## TOUR No. 104

KOBE—YOKOHAMA (17 days).

(Summer only)

- 1st Day—Arrive Kobe a.m. Morning automobile drive to Mt. Rokko (3000 ft.). Luncheon will be taken at a Japanese restaurant in Kobe. Afternoon automobile drive to Tarumi and Maiko—resorts along the shore of the Inland Sea.
- 2nd Day—Leave Kobe a.m. by automobile to Osaka. After viewing the Castle and the shops and streets of Osaka, Luncheon will be taken at one of the best foreign style restaurants in Japan, where—it being at the top of a tall building—an excellent view over the city may be had. After luncheon continue from Osaka to Nara.  
Arrive Nara p.m. Afternoon rikishas provided for visiting the Deer Parks.
- 3rd Day—In Nara. Whole day excursion to Yamada and back by Sankyu Electric Railway express, visiting the famous Shrines of Ise.  
Leave Nara p.m. Arrive Kyoto p.m.
- 4th Day—In Kyoto. Morning automobile drive visiting points of interest in the city, including the famous art stores and workshops. Afternoon excursion by boat on the Hodzu Rapids, returning by automobile via Arashiyama and the moss garden of the Kokedera Temple.
- 5th Day—In Kyoto. Morning excursion to Mt. Hiei (2800 ft.) thence by aerial car to the Temple of Enryaku-ji, continuing to Sakamoto, delightfully situated on the shores of Lake Biwa, and so back to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure.



*Japan abounds in picturesque coast scenery*

Tour No. 104—cont.

6th Day—Leave Kyoto a.m. Arrive Gifu a.m.

In Gifu. Afternoon automobile drive up the Nagara River, returning by boat. In the evening boats will be provided for viewing the cormorant fishing. (It should be noted that the trip is dependent upon the state of the river and in particular is usually impracticable about the full moon).

7th Day—Leave Gifu a.m. Arrive Kamagori.

In Kamagori. Afternoon excursion by motor boat on the Ise Bay.

8th Day—Leave Kamagori a.m. Arrive Numadzu p.m. and continue by automobile via Lake Hakone to Miyano-shita.

9th Day—In Miyano-shita. All day automobile drive round Mt. Fuji, passing Lakes Yamanaka, Kawaguchi and Shoji, and visiting the collection of dwarf trees at Hara.

10th Day—In Miyano-shita. At leisure.

11th Day—Leave Miyano-shita a.m. by automobile to Odawara and thence by rail to Tokyo.

In Tokyo. Afternoon automobile drive, visiting the Ginza and points of interest in Tokyo.

12th Day—Leave Tokyo a.m. Arrive Nikko a.m. In the afternoon the famous Lacquer Bridge, Shrines and Temples will be visited by automobile.

13th Day—In Nikko. Morning automobile drive to Lake Chuzenji.

14th Day—Leave Nikko by automobile. Arrive Kinugawa Onsen (Japanese Hotel) Afternoon drive to Kawaji Hot Springs.

15th Day—Leave Kinugawa Onsen a.m. by electric railway or by automobile to Imaichi, thence by rail Arrive Tokyo a.m. Lunch in Tokyo. Leave Tokyo p.m. Arrive Yokohama p.m.

16th Day—In Yokohama. Morning at leisure. After automobile drive to Kamakura and Enoshima.

17th Day—Arrangements terminate after breakfast.



*The western-style Revue is becoming increasingly popular*

## TOUR No. 105

### KOBE—YOKOHAMA (13 days).

- 1st Day (Thu.)—Arrive Kobe in the afternoon and transfer to Hotel.
- 2nd Day (Fri.)—In Kobe. In the morning a drive by automobile will be made to Mt. Rokko, 3000 ft. above sea level. On return a special Sukiyaki luncheon will be provided at a Japanese restaurant if preferred. In the afternoon an automobile drive will be made through Kobe, visiting the principal points of interest—proceeding direct to the station.  
Leave Kobe late afternoon. Arrive Kyoto before dinner.
- 3rd Day (Sat.)—In Kyoto. In the morning an automobile drive will be made visiting points of interest in Kyoto—temples, shops, etc. In the afternoon an automobile drive will be made in Kyoto visiting points of interest, including the Kokedera Temple, noted for its moss garden, Arashiyama, etc.
- 4th Day (Sun.)—In Kyoto. This day an excursion will be made to Nara by train. After arrival rikishas will be provided for visiting Nara Park famed for its sacred deer. Luncheon will be taken at the Nara Hotel and in the afternoon an automobile drive will be made to Horyuji Temple, the oldest in Japan, also visiting on the way the goldfish hatchery at Koriyama. The return to Kyoto will be made before dinner.
- 5th Day (Mon.)—In Kyoto. This day will be at leisure for shopping, etc.
- 6th Day (Tue.)—Leave Kyoto by morning Limited Express. Arrive Numadzu early afternoon and continue by automobile via Lake Hakone to Miyanoshita.
- 7th Day (Wed.)—In Miyanoshita. In the morning an automobile drive will be made to Nagao Toge (Long Tail Pass) for a view of Mt. Fuji—weather permitting. (This excursion may be extended, by arrangement, to

Tour No. 105—cont.

an all-day motor drive round the base of Mt. Fuji.) The afternoon will be at leisure.

8th Day (Thu.)—Leave Miyanoshita by automobile to Odawara and continue by rail to Tokyo.

Arrive Tokyo. In the afternoon a drive will be made by automobile visiting the Ginza and other places of interest in the city.

9th Day (Fri.)—In Tokyo. In the morning a further automobile drive will be provided in the city.

Leave Tokyo after lunch. Arrive Nikko before dinner.

10th Day (Sat.)—In Nikko. In the morning the famous temples and shrines of Nikko will be visited on foot. In the afternoon an automobile drive will be taken to Lake Chuzenji.

11th Day (Sun.)—Leave Nikko in morning by automobile through the avenue of cryptomeria trees to Imalehi, thence by train or electric railway to Tokyo, lunch in Tokyo and continue by train to Kamakura, where the Daibutsu will be visited by rikisha, afterwards returning to Yokohama by train.

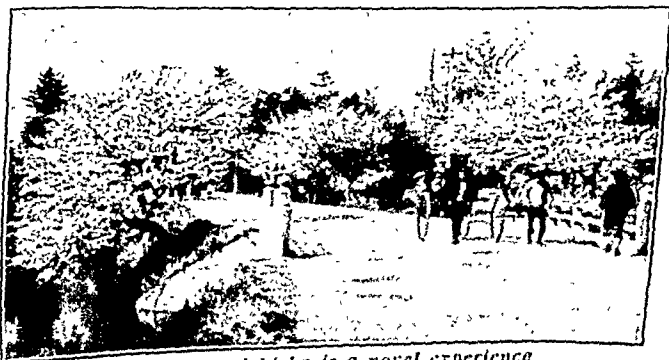
12th Day (Mon.)—In Yokohama. At leisure for shopping.

13th Day (Tue.)—Embark after breakfast on steamer.

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*NOTE: This tour is particularly suitable for round-trip passengers from Europe and India arriving and leaving Japan by the same ship. On some occasions these ships arrive on Wednesday afternoon at Kobe, in which case arrangements begin the following morning. Should the steamer arrive a day later—Friday—or late on Thursday, then passengers would proceed direct to Kyoto, taking sightseeing in Kobe as given above when the ship calls there on its return from Yokohama.*

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*Riding in a rikisha is a novel experience*

## TOUR No. 106

### KOBE—KOBE (16 days).

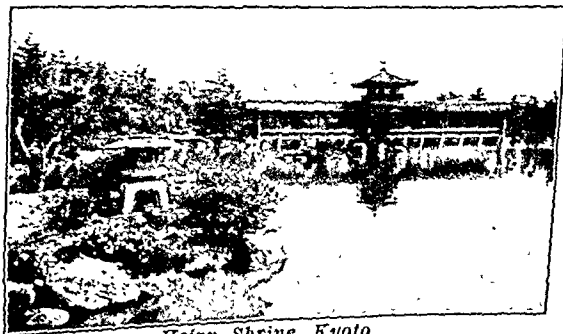
- 1st Day—Arrive Kobe. Afternoon drive by automobile in Kobe, visiting points of interest in the city.
- 2nd Day—Leave Kobe. In the morning by automobile to Osaka. After visiting the Castle, lunch will be taken at a restaurant with excellent view of the city. Continue by train to Nara.
- 3rd Day—In Nara. Morning visit the Deer Park and Temples by rikisha. Afternoon drive by automobile to Horyu-ji, the oldest temple in Japan, and the gold fish hatcheries at Koriyama.  
Leave Nara. Arrive Kyoto before dinner.
- 4th Day—In Kyoto. All day sightseeing in Kyoto by automobile, visiting the principal temples, shrines and also the famous stores and workshops.
- 5th Day—In Kyoto. Morning at leisure. Afternoon excursion by boat over the Hodzu Rapids to Arashiyama, returning, by automobile, by the moss garden of Kokedera Temple.
- 6th Day—In Kyoto. Morning by automobile and cable car to the summit of Mt. Hiei, thence by aerial car to the Temple of Enryaku-ji, continuing to Sakamoto, thence automobile to hotel. Afternoon at leisure.
- 7th Day—Leave Kyoto a.m. by train.  
Arrive Numadzu early p.m. and continue by automobile via Lake Hakone to Miyanoshita.
- 8th Day—In Miyanoshita. Morning automobile drive to Nagao Toge (Long Tail Pass) for view of Mt. Fuji—weather permitting. Afternoon at leisure.
- 9th Day—In Miyanoshita. At leisure.
- 10th Day—Leave Miyanoshita by automobile for Odawara, rail to Fujisawa, car from Fujisawa via Enoshima to Kamakura. Lunch and visit Daibutsu, thence car via Yokohama to Tokyo.
- 11th Day—In Tokyo. Morning and afternoon automobile drives visiting Ginza and principal points of interest.
- 12th Day—In Tokyo. At leisure.
- 13th Day—Leave Tokyo a.m. Arrive Nikko a.m. Afternoon at leisure.
- 14th Day—In Nikko. Morning visit temples, shrines and Lacquer Bridge on foot. Afternoon automobile drive to Lake Chuzenji.
- 15th Day—In Nikko. Morning at leisure. Leave Nikko p.m. Arrive Tokyo p.m. After dinner in Tokyo, leave Tokyo p.m.
- 16th Day—Arrive Kobe a.m. Lunch will be provided at a Japanese restaurant in Kobe.



*Kintaibashi, Near Miyajima*



*Akakura Skiing Resort*



*Heian Shrine, Kyoto*